EARTH STAR COMICS

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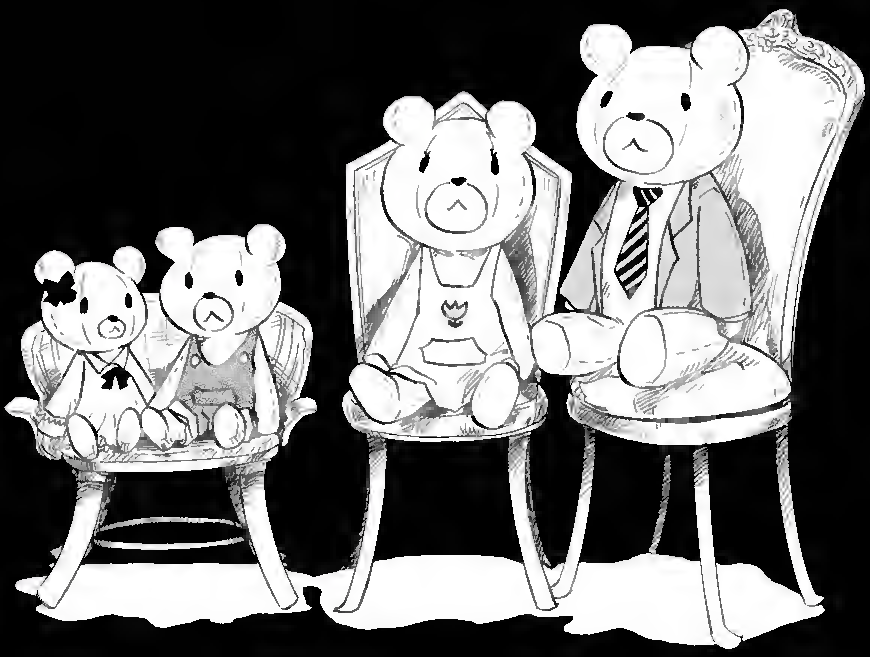
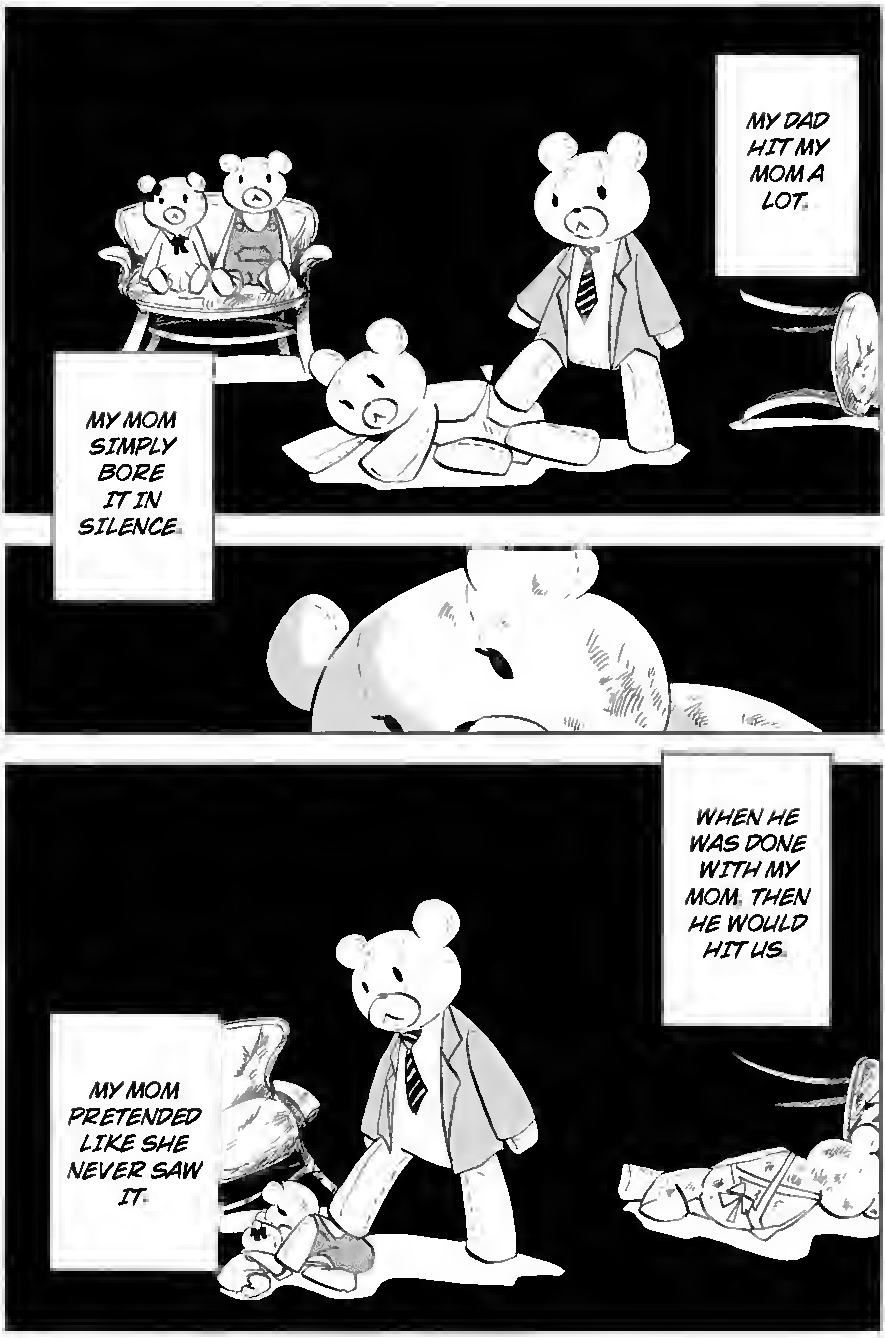
"I WISH IT WERE ALL JUST A DREAM."



CHAPTER 1: A FANTASTIC
AWAKENING


MY DAD HIT MY MOM A LOT.
MY MOM SIMPLY BORE IT IN SILENCE.
WHEN HE WAS DONE WITH MY MOM, THEN HE WOULD HIT US.
MY MOM PRETENDED LIKE SHE NEVER SAW IT.

"THIS IS YOUR REALITY."
DAD WOULD SAY THAT, LAUGHING AS HE HIT US.
MY SISTER AND I WERE STILL SMALL,
SO ALL WE COULD DO WAS WAIT FOR TIME TO PASS.
I WISH IT WERE ALL A DREAM.
IF IT WERE, I COULD WAKE UP,
AND THEN IT WOULD BE OVER.

BUT THE NIGHT-MARE WENT ON.

AFTER THEY DIVOCRED.

MY MOM LET LOOSE AND STARTED FOOLING AROUND WITH A YOUNG MAN.

IN A HOME THAT NO ONE CAME BACK TO

MY LITTLE SISTER WAS ALWAYS LONELY AND CRYING.

I KNEW I HAD TO PROTECT HER.
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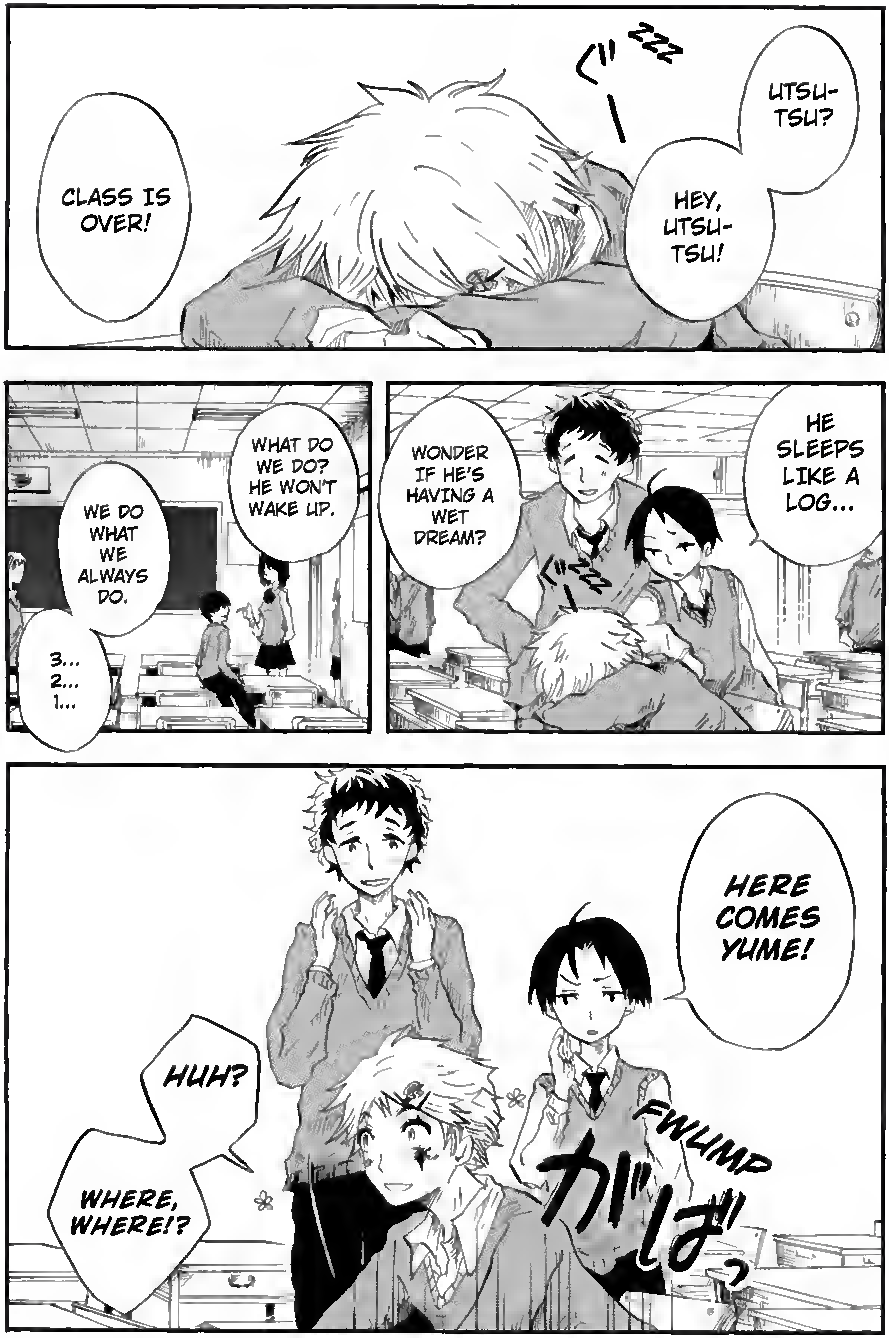
DONG
HEY, UTSUTSU!


CLASS IS OVER!
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ZZZ
HEY, UTSU-TSU!
UTSU-TSU?
WHAT DO WE DO? HE WON'T WAKE UP.
WE DO WHAT WE ALWAYS DO.
3... 2... 1...
WONDER IF HE'S HAVING A WET DREAM?
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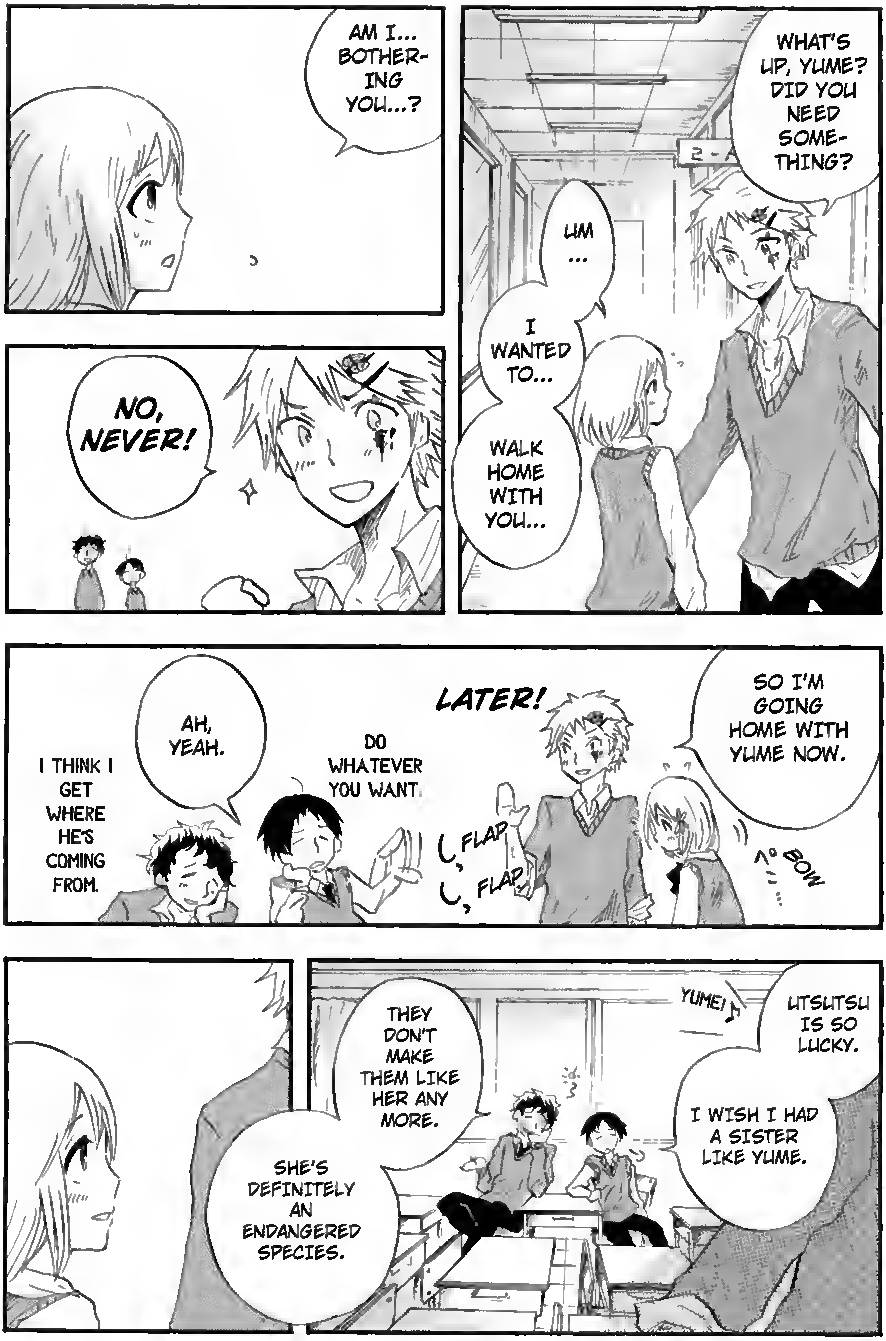
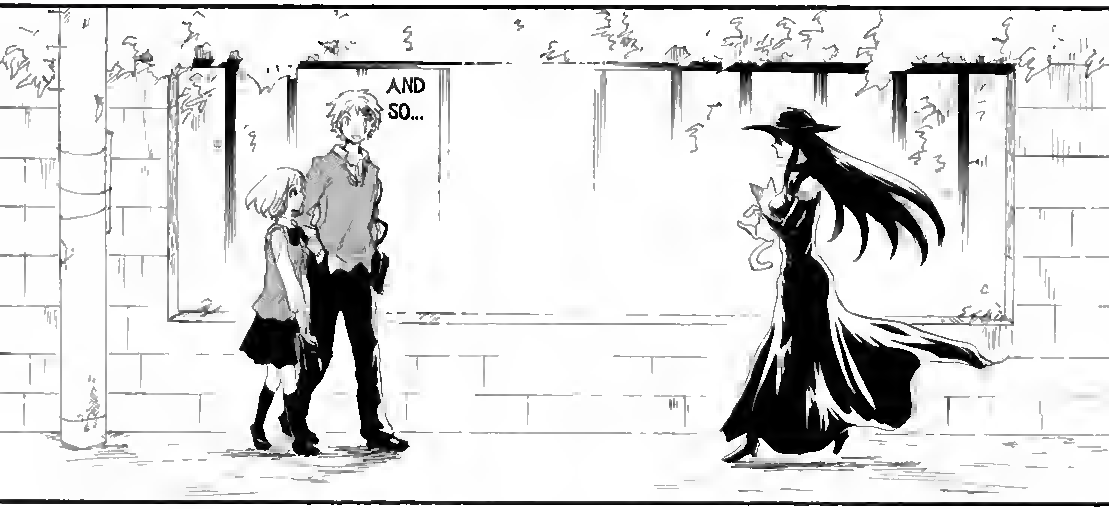
ZZZ
HE SLEEPS LIKE A LOG...
HERE COMES YUME!
FWUMP
ガしぱ
HUH?
WHERE, WHERE!?

WE'RE GONNA GO DO KARAOKE, WANNA COME WITH?
YEAH, I'LL GO!
AHAHA
YAY, HE WOKE UP, HE WOKE UP!
I WILL END YOU...
HASE-GAWA, YOU HAVE A VISITOR!
YOUR LITTLE SISTER IS HERE.
OH, GUESS I CAN'T DO KARAOKE AFTER ALL.
SHRUG
C'MON!
HUH!?
RATTLE
WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIM, WE INVITED HIM AND EVERYTHING...
NOW NOW


AM I... BOTHERING YOU...?
WHAT'S UP, YUME? DID YOU NEED SOMETHING?
2-A
UM...
I WANTED TO...
WALK HOME WITH YOU...
NO, NEVER!
LATER!
SO I'M GOING HOME WITH YUME NOW.
BOW
FLAP, FLAP
AH, YEAH.
I THINK I GET WHERE HE'S COMING FROM.
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
YUME!
UTSUTSU IS SO LUCKY.
I WISH I HAD A SISTER LIKE YUME.
THEY DON'T MAKE THEM LIKE HER ANY MORE.
SHE'S DEFINITELY AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

HOW WAS SCHOOL? ARE YOU GETTING USED TO IT?
YEAH ...
EVERYONE WAS NICE...
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE VIOLENT...
IF ANYONE BULLIES YOU, YOUR BIG BRO WILL BEAT THEM UP!
LEAVE IT TO ME!!
D-DON'T... DO THAT...
!
OH... REALLY?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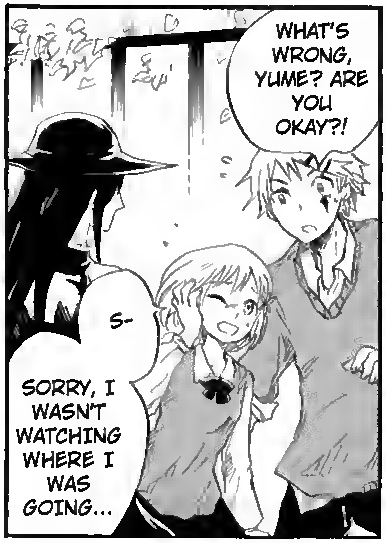
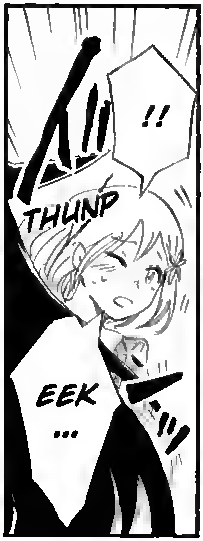

WHAT'S WRONG, YUME? ARE YOU OKAY?!
S-
SORRY, I WASN'T WATCHING WHERE I WAS GOING...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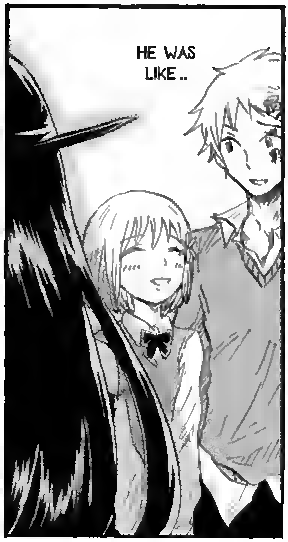
THUMP
EEK ...


HE WAS LIKE..

...
FLINCH
!
BEFORE YOU SEE THE RED BUTTER-FLIES...
YOU SHOULD HURRY HOME...
ARE YOU TWO FROM AROUND HERE?
U... UH...?
HOOONK
WHO WAS THAT LADY...?

HONK
HONK
HONK
HOOONK
...? WHAT'S WITH THAT CAR...?
HONK
OKAY? BE A GOOD GIRL.
...
YUME... WAIT AT THAT PARK UP THERE.
BROTHER ...?
O... KAY.

...AWW, I WOULD HAVE LIKED YOU TO BRING YOUR SISTER, TOO.
HYRR!
...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

DAD...
I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO COME HERE AFTER WORK.
I JUST WANT TO SEE HOW MY CHILDREN ARE DOING.
CRUNCH
HEY, UTSUTSU. GREET YOUR FATHER PROPERLY.
SWISH
...!

YOU'VE GROWN SINCE I LAST SAW YOU!
RUB わしゃ
RUB わしゃ
YOU'RE LOOKING MORE LIKE ME, AREN'T YOU?
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR SISTER, TOO.
GLARE ギ
WHAP
HM?
DAMN YOU...
DON'T YOU DARE...
ALL I'VE BEEN HEARING FROM YOU IS BULL-SHIT!
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU DID TO US!
DAMN YOU!!
SCRATCH
HM ...
WHAT I DID TO YOU... YOU MEAN...

WHACK
LIKE THIS?
SKID
...UGH...
HAHA!
DOESN'T THIS BRING BACK MEMORIES?

HMPH.
HEY, NOW.
YOU CAN STOP PRETENDING TO BE STRONG.
HAH.
HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN THOSE YEARS?
TUG
WE PLAYED LIKE THIS WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE A LOT, DIDN'T WE?
WEREN'T THOSE THE DAYS?
YOU'VE BEEN SHAKING THIS WHOLE TIME.
HAVEN'T YOU, UTSU-TSU?
WHA-
DON'T KID AROUND!
SPIN
I THINK I'LL GO SEE YOUR LITTLE SISTER NOW.
...
I'M SCARED.

I CAN REMEMBER THINGS FROM 10 YEARS AGO AS IF THEY HAPPENED YESTERDAY.
I'LL RIP OUT YOUR THROAT!
JUST TRY TO LAY A FINGER ON YUME!
I'M SCARED.
SO SCARED.
FROM THOSE DAYS...
THE ABSOLUTE FEAR
BUT, YOU KNOW ...
BUT AS SOON AS IT INVOLVES YOUR SISTER, YOU GET ALL BRAVE.
YOU'RE SO SCARED YOU'RE ABOUT TO PISS YOURSELF,
LOOK AT YOU, UTSU-TSU.

I GUESS I JUST GOT CARRIED AWAY?
PSHHH
AGH ...!
...!
YOU'RE GONNA PROTECT YOUR SISTER?
TUG
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH,
YOU PIECE OF SHIT.

EVEN YOU WOULD ABANDON HER IF YOU WERE CORNERED!!
BECAUSE MY BLOOD FLOWS THROUGH YOU!!
HYA HA HA HA HA HA!

IT'S TAKING HIM A LONG TIME...
FWAA
I WONDER IF I SHOULD GO GET HIM...
FIDGET
BUT HE TOLD ME TO WAIT HERE...
WHAT DO I DO?
FIDGET

WOW!
HUGE BUTTER-FLIES!
SO PRETTY!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY.
RUSTLE
AROO...

AROO ...
RUSTLE
AROO ...
TAP
TAP
UM...
WAIT HERE...
AROO ...
A DOG...?
OH NO, ARE YOU HURT?
AROO ...

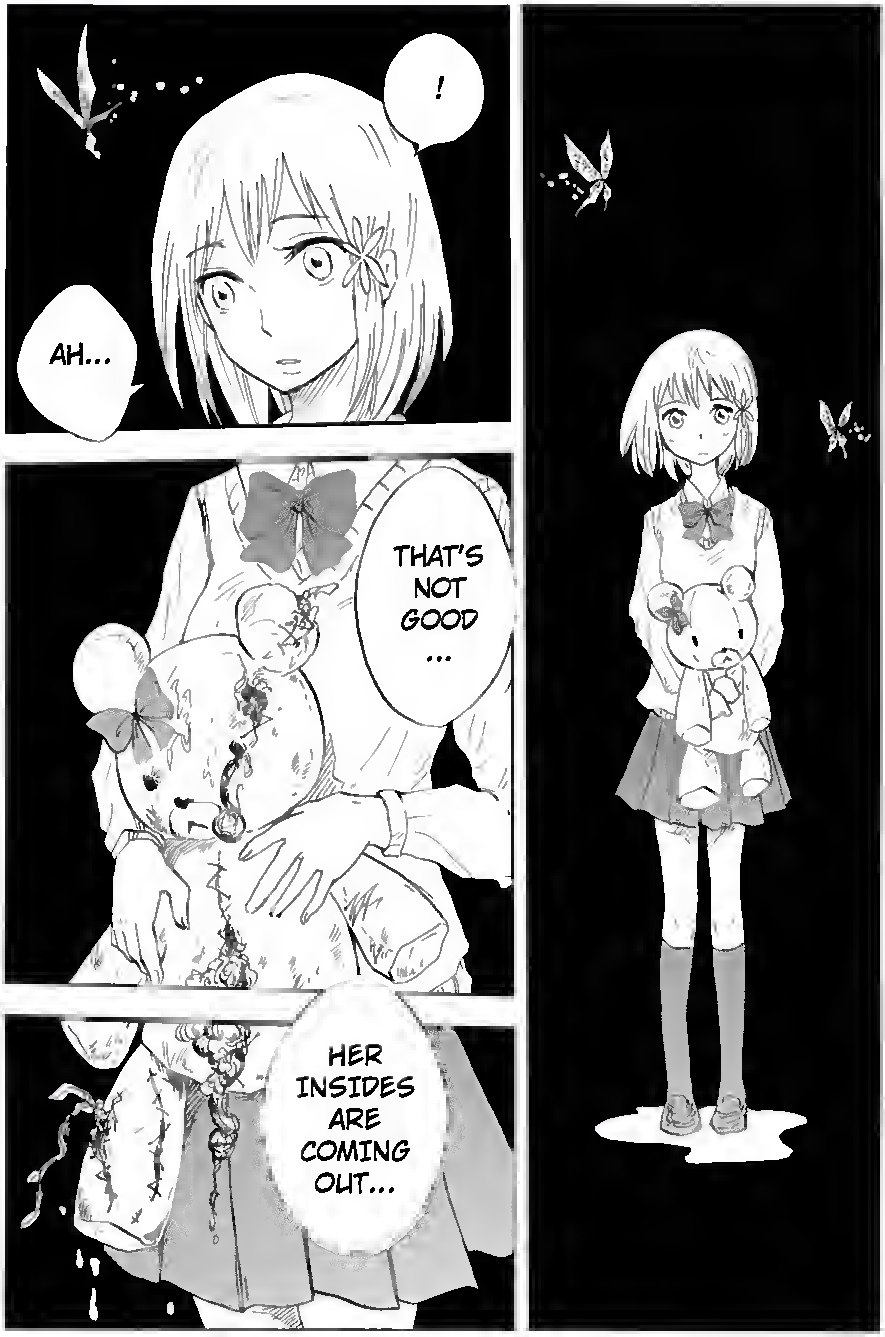
OO..
ARE YOU O-
PUPPY?
OO...
AROO...
AROO...
OO...
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHIFF
POP
GASP
AROO...
POP
ボコ
SHIFF
POP
ボコ
...!
AROOO...

"YOU TWO SHOULD HURRY HOME."
SWISH
"BEFORE YOU SEE THE RED BUTTERFLIES, THAT IS."
CRUNCH

TWITCH
ピク
YES... THIS IS TROUBLE-SOME INDEED ...
MEW!
MEW!
OH MY ...
...
I TOLD THEM TO HURRY ON HOME...

WHAT'S WRONG, YUME!?
SLUMP
YUME!
...
YUME ...?
...

YUME!!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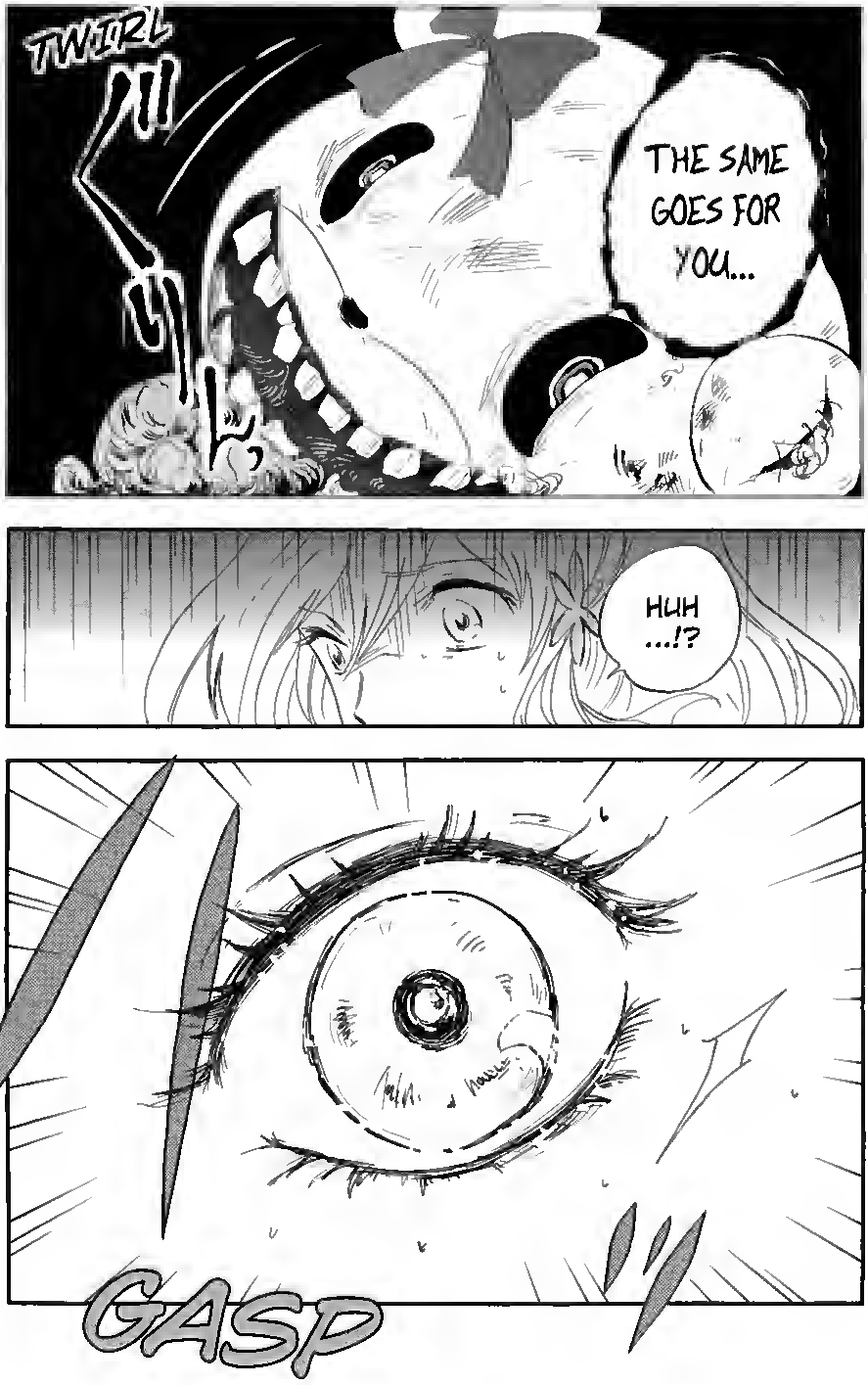
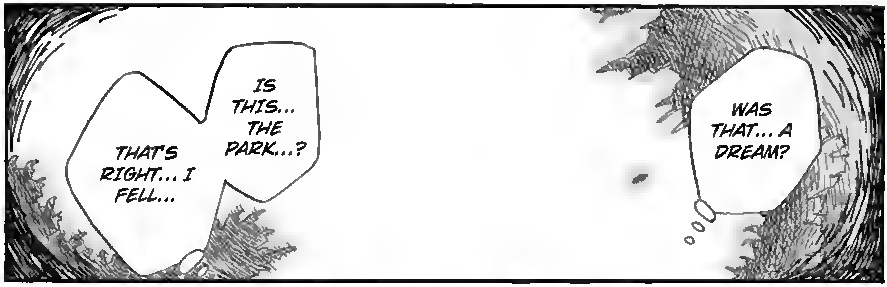
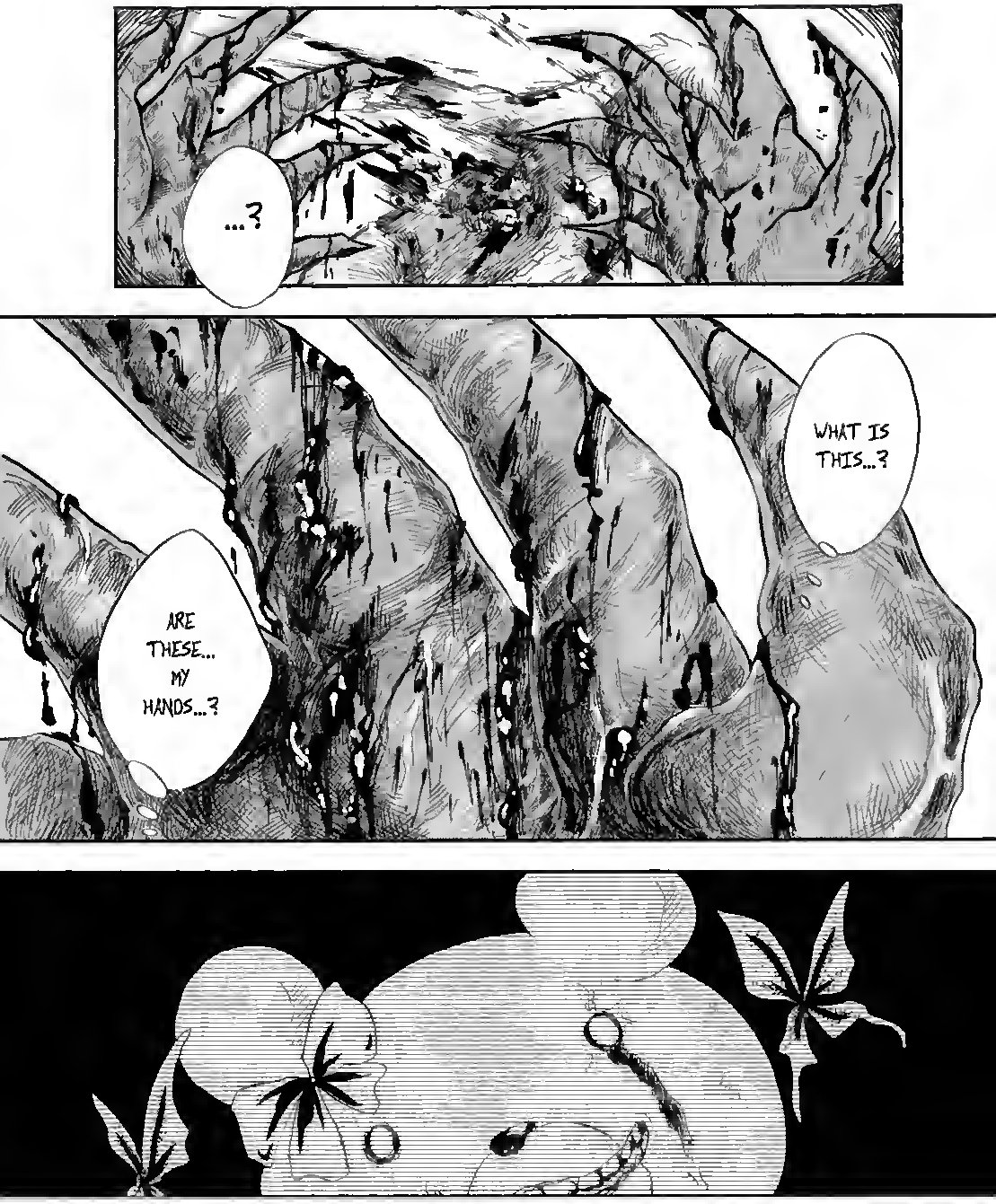
AH...
THAT'S NOT GOOD ...
HER INSIDES ARE COMING OUT...


TWIRL
THE SAME GOES FOR YOU...
HUH ...!?
GASP


WAS THAT... A DREAM?
IS THIS... THE PARK...?
THAT'S RIGHT... I FELL...

... PEOPLE ARE ON THE GROUND ...?
OH RIGHT, MY BROTHER.
I WAS... WAITING FOR MY BROTHER ...
BRO-THER ...?

WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT...
BIG BROTHER?
...


...?
WHAT IS THIS...?
ARE THESE... MY HANDS...?

CHAPTER 2: MONSTER GIRL

YU...
ME...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

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STROKE
WHAT... IS THIS...?
WHAT... JUST... HAPPENED TO ME?
ミシ…
QUIVER
THIS IS LIKE...

TWITCH
MON-
STER!
YOU NEED TO RUN OR YOU'LL GET EATEN BY THE MONSTER TOO!!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
WHAT IS IT!? IT ATE THOSE PEOPLE!!
THUMP
MONSTER
MONSTER
MONSTER

MONSTER
!!
WOOSH

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
...
YUME
...
...
WHAT... IS GOING ON HERE...?
YUME!?
AFTER I MET MY DAD... I WENT TO THE PARK TO GET YUME...
AND THEN ...
!

WHAT'S WRONG YUME?
GRAB
ARE YOU OKAY!?
...YUME...?
POP
ピキ
TWITCH
POP
RIP
TWITCH
ピキ...

RIIP
RIIP
CRUNCH

IT WAS LIKE A PUPA BECOMING A BUTTERFLY.

IT WAS AS IF, BEFORE MY VERY EYES,
MY LITTLE SISTER BECAME A MON-
...
UGH!

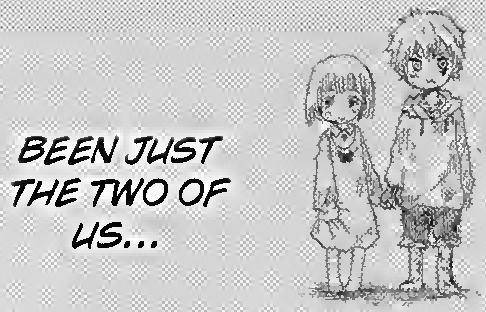
...
DAMN ...
IS THIS A NIGHT-MARE?
OH DEAR, THEY'RE ALL TORN UP...
FLINCH
UH..
AH...
WHO... ARE YOU?
THIS'LL BE HARD TO CLEAN UP.
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
IT'S ABOUT THAT MONSTER ...
...

I AM MARIA, A RESEARCHER ...THIS IS MY CAT, SET.
AND YOU?
UTSU-TSU...
UTSUTSU HASE-GAWA...
...AH.
NO NEED TO WORRY.
WE'LL DEAL WITHT HE CORPSES HERE, SO IT WON'T CAUSE A PANIC.
WHAT WAS THAT ...!?
THAT'S NOT IT...

MY SISTER ATTACKED PEOPLE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!!
SHE TURNED INTO SOMETHING I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
TELL ME!
YOU KNOW SOMETHING, DON'T YOU!?

I'M SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOU FORGET ABOUT HER.
WHY YOU... DON'T SCREW WITH ME...
...
OH... SO THAT WAS YOUR SISTER ...
TWITCH
!!
WOOOSH
LOOK... BE A GOOD BOY AND FORGET IT ALL.
... I'M NOT SCREWING AROUND.
AND WE WILL TAKE PROPER CARE OF YOUR SISTER...
FORGET ...?
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I COULD TAKE CARE OF YOU AS WELL?

YUME ISN'T JUST A SISTER TO ME.
CLENCH
SHE'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE WORLD!!
FORGET ... YOU SAY?
GSSH!!


BEEN JUST THE TWO OF US...
AT HOME, IT HAS ALWAYS...

BUT...
YOU'RE A FASCIN-ATING BOY.
HEH HEH.
SMIRK
...
HOW OBSTI-NATE.
THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A WORLD WITHOUT YUME!!

IF SHE'S THAT IMPORTANT
THEN...
WHY DON'T WE TAKE A GAMBLE?
AH...
GAMBLE ...?
IS THERE A WAY TO TURN HER BACK!?
IF ALL GOES WELL THAT IS...
IF YOU CAN CONVINCE YOUR SISTER...
HEH HEH ...

CAN YOUR VOICE ACTUALLY REACH HER?

I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HOW IT TURNS OUT.
PANT
WHAT DO I DO?
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO? WHAT DO I DO?
PANT
PANT
PANT

PANT
PANT
I KILLED PEOPLE
CHOMP
CHOMP
PANT
AND ATE THEM...
SO GOOD ...
PANT
MUNCH
PANT
PANT
CHOMP
PANT
PANT
I BECAME A MONSTER ...
WHAT DO I DO?
SO GOOD. SO GOOD. SO GOOD. SO GOOD.
PANT
SPLAT
SPLAT
PANT
PANT
WHAT DO I DO?

I DON'T WANT MY BROTHER TO SEE ME LIKE THIS...
YLIME.
I
B-
BIG ...
BROTH...
YLIME ...
YLIME.

DON'T COME NEAR ME!!
YUME ...
I... CAN'T BEAR YOU...
TO SEE ME...
... THIS ...
HEY... BIG BROTHER ...
SPLAT
YUME! CALM DOWN.
BE A GOOD GIRL...
I...
I'M LIKE A MONSTER...

I...
GOT HUNGRY AND ATE ALL SORTS OF THINGS...
BIRDS... CATS... DOGS...
HUMANS.
BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH...
NOT ENOUGH...
THIS DISG-USTING BODY...
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME LIKE THIS.
AND TO BE ABANDONED BY MY BROTHER ON TOP OF THAT...
ABANDONED BY MY MOM AND DAD...
YUME.

IT'S OKAY.
PAT
BIG... BROTH...
IT'S OKAY... YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE SICK, IS ALL.
NO ..
YOU... CAN'T ..
WE'LL TURN YOU BACK TO NORMAL SOON.
YOU'RE NOT A MONSTER, YUME.
SEE?
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS CALL ME "BIG BROTHER" LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.
BIG BROTHER!

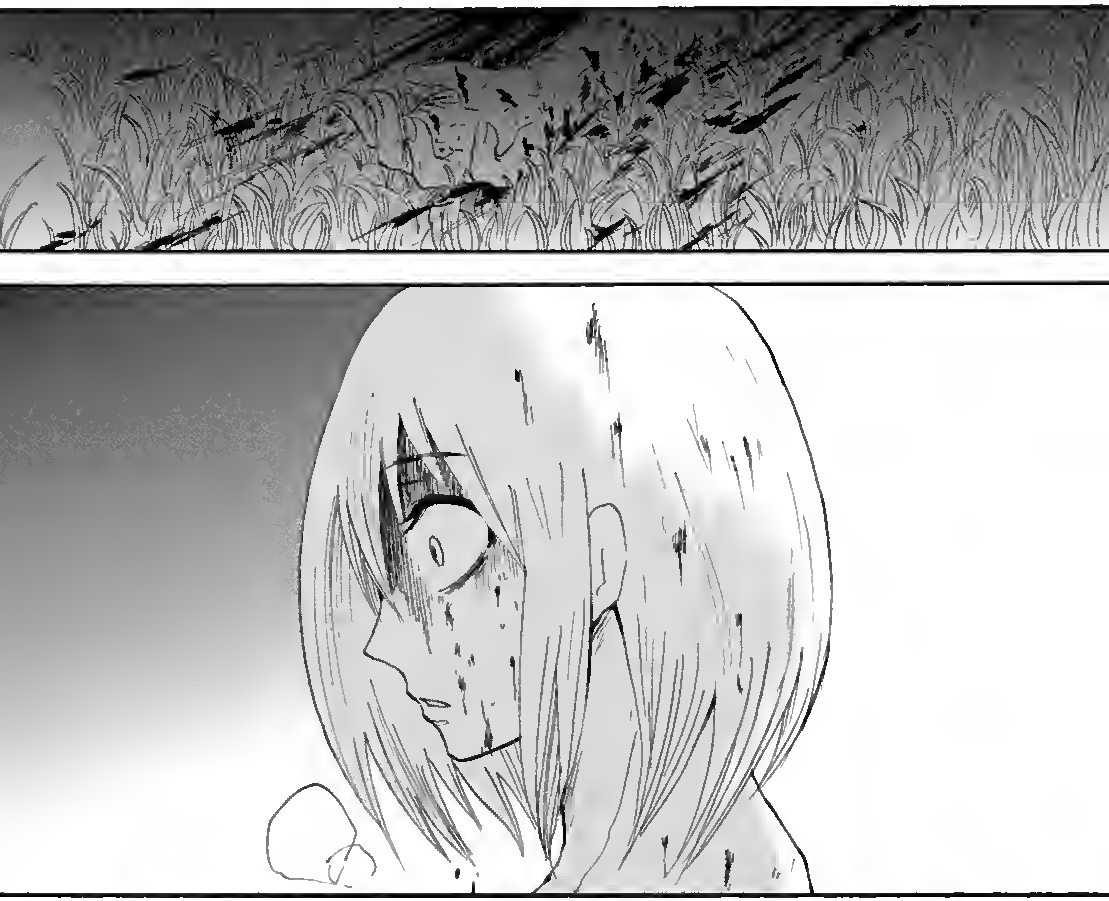
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN YOU AND ME
LIVING IN THAT HOUSE ALONE.
YOUR MY DEAR, DEAR SISTER.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU LOOK LIKE,
YOU'RE STILL YUME.
...

YOU CAN'T HELP THAT YOU'RE HUNGRY.
SO YOUR BIG BRO WILL MAKE YOU LOTS AND LOTS OF YOUR FAVORITE FOODS!
SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT ANYTHING STRANGE AGAIN!
UGH...
SO,
YOU'RE NOT SO SCARY AFTER ALL.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE HERE AND EAT ANIMALS.
I GUESS HIS VOICE DID REACH HER...
I WONDER IF I CAN CONTROL HER NOW...
I'M SUR-PRISED ...
SHE'S EMERGED FROM HER PUPA, YET RETAINS HER OLD PERSONALITY ...

SO,
LET'S GO HOME.
YUME.
HAPPY ...
I... STILL ...
WANT TO BE HIS LITTLE SISTER ...
BIG...
BRO... THER ...
BIG... BROTH...
AH ... AH...
AH ...
UH ...
UH.. UH.
UH... AH...

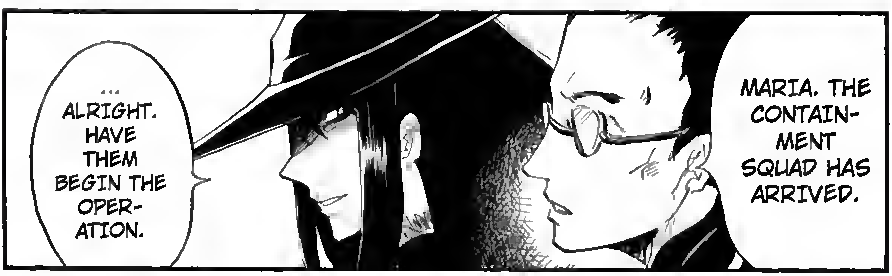
SO HAPPY!
BIG BRO-
ER
YANK
YUME
...

SIGH
SLICE
SUCH A SHAME ...
"BIG BROTHER."
CHOMP
CHOMP


SWISH
MY, MY.
IT'S NOT BECOMING FOR A LADY TO LOOK LIKE THAT.
NOT AT ALL ...
RUSTLE

CHAPTER 3: RED COSMETICS

EVEN SO...
YOU WERE CERTAINLY... ENTHUSIASTIC IN YOUR EATING.


MARIA. THE CONTAIN-MENT SQUAD HAS ARRIVED.
... ALRIGHT. HAVE THEM BEGIN THE OPER-ATION.

!?
...BIG BROTHER?
IT'S OKAY.
CLANK
ガチャ

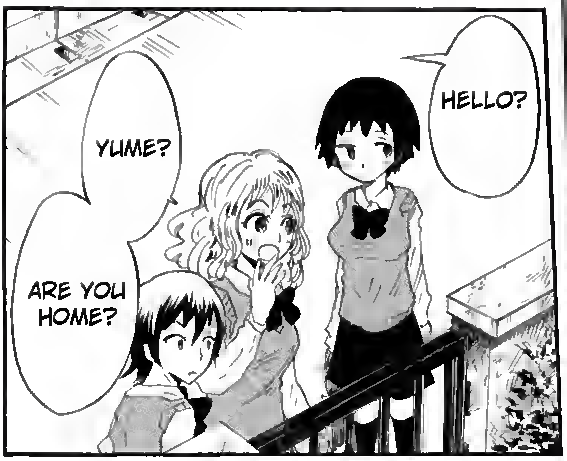
WE'LL TAKE THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO DEAL WITH YOUR BROTHER'S CORPSE.
GRIP
!!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
CORPSE.
COR... PSE...
DO YOU REMEM-BER?
YOU DO, DON'T YOU?
THAT YOU... ATE YOUR BIG BROTHER?

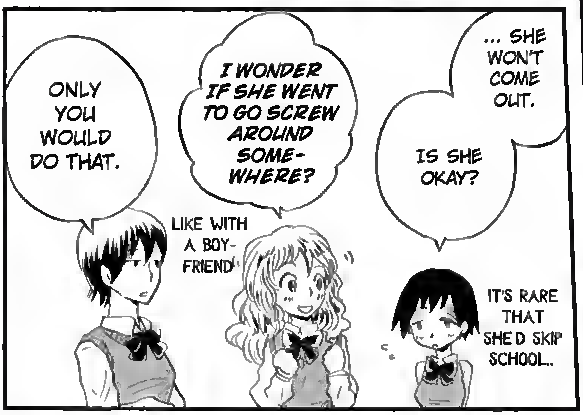
HOW COULD YOU EAT YOUR BIG BROTHER, WHO ACCEPTED YOU AS HIS SISTER EVEN WHEN YOU WERE A MONSTROSITY ...?
HEH HEH ...
DO YOU FEEL A CHILL ...?
THUMP
I'M GLAD YOU RETURNED TO NORMAL.
I'M SURE YOUR DEAD BROTHER WOULD BE PLEASED AS WELL.
DEAD...
D...
... AH.
PERHAPS "DEAD" WASN'T THE WORD TO USE.

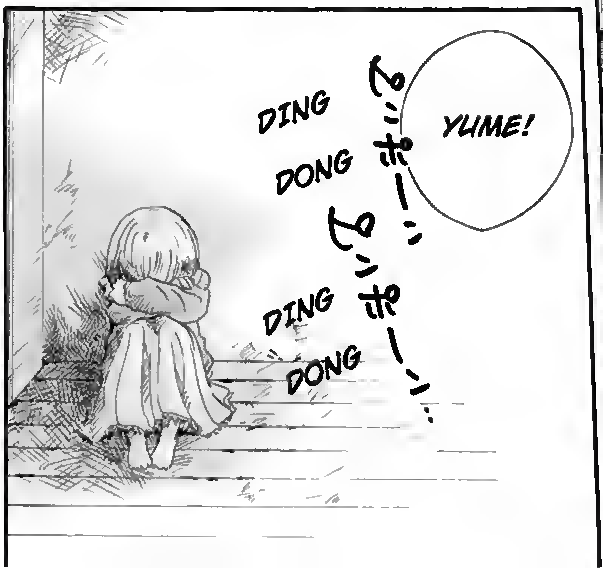
YOU KILLED AND ATE HIM.
I...
MY BROTHER ...
I...
KILLED...

KILLED
HAH...
SLUMP
NO...
NO, NOT MY BROTHER...!
YOU... YOU CAN'T...
GET UP...
I... I'M BACK TO NORMAL...!
BIG BROTHER ...
HEY ...

AAAAAH


HELLO?
YUME?
ARE YOU HOME?


... SHE WON'T COME OUT.
IS SHE OKAY?
I WONDER IF SHE WENT TO GO SCREW AROUND SOME-WHERE?
ONLY YOU WOULD DO THAT.
LIKE WITH A BOY-FRIEND
IT'S RARE THAT SHE'D SKIP SCHOOL..


YUME!
DING DONG
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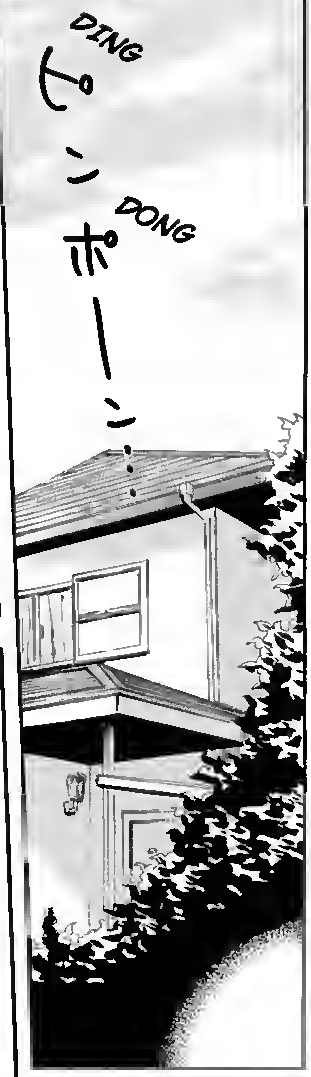
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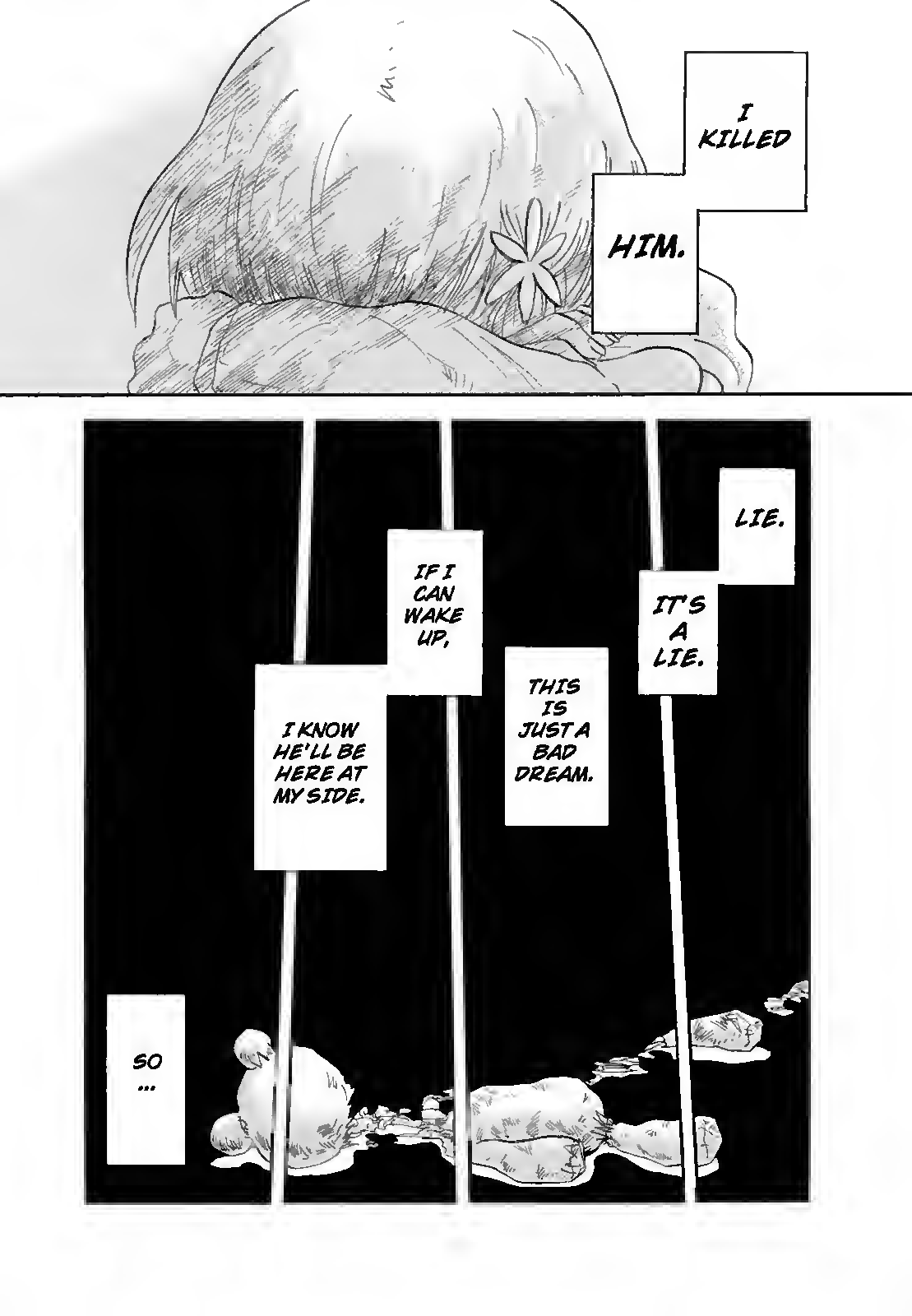

I KILLED HIM.
LIE.
IT'S A LIE.
THIS IS JUST A BAD DREAM.
IF I CAN WAKE UP,
I KNOW HE'LL BE HERE AT MY SIDE.
SO ...

ROLL
SO?
THEN YOU'LL EAT HIM AGAIN?
!!
BUT YOU ALREADY KNOW, YUME, DEAR.
THAT YOU KILLED YOUR -
STOP IT!!

WHAT ...?
HOW... DID I GET HERE...?
YUME, WHAT'S WRONG!?
... AH...
WHA? BUT HAVING FUN IS THE BEST WAY TO CHEER UP!!
LOOK, I TOLD YOU YUME WAS TIRED!
RIGHT... THEY CAME TO MY HOUSE, AND THEN...
SH-SHUT UP!
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID SHE SHOULDN'T BE LOCKED UP INSIDE?
HEY! IT'S NOT JUST MY FAULT!
I'M SORRY THAT THIS GIRL FORCED YOU TO COME WITH US.
YUME, ARE YOU OKAY?

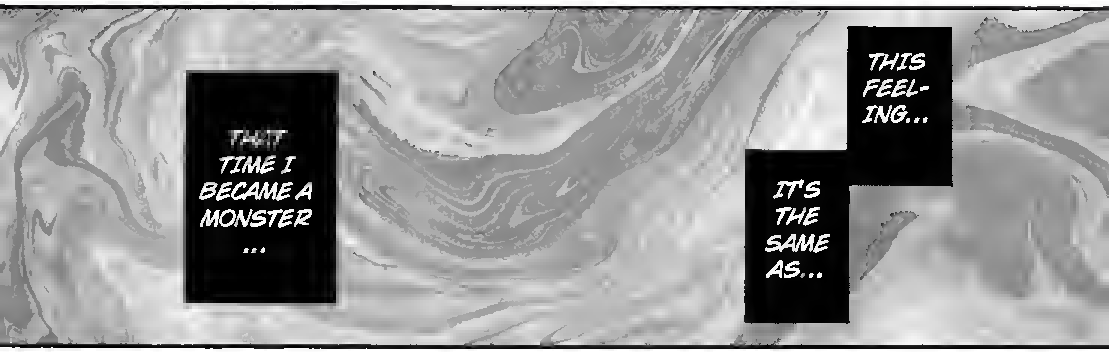
...!
...!
WHEN I SEE PEOPLE
WITH-OUT THINK-ING
I LOOK FOR MY BIG BROTHER...
THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE,
BUT MY BROTHER ISN'T ONE OF THEM.
BUT HE'S NOT HERE.

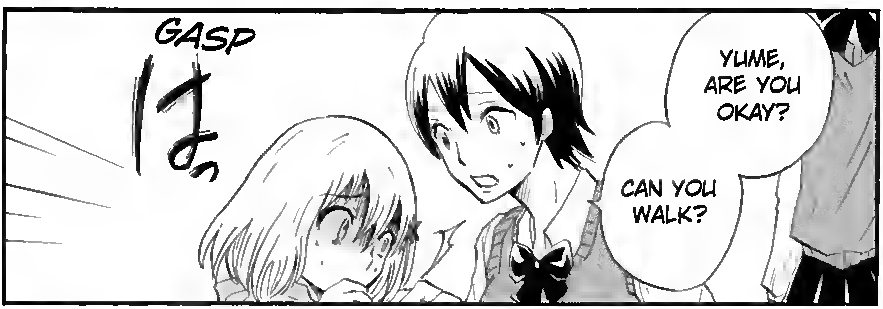
BIG BROTHER...

IT MAKES AN IMPACT

!?
THUMP

WHAT DO I DO?
ARE YOU OKAY, YUME!?
YUME!?
YUME!?
UH ...
WHAT ...IS THIS ...!?
FNUMP


THAT TIME I BECAME A MONSTER ...
THIS FEELING...
IT'S THE SAME AS...


GASP
はっ
YUME, ARE YOU OKAY?
CAN YOU WALK?

WOBBLE
PANT
I'M SORRY ...
I...
I'M OKAY ...
SO ...
DODGE
NO!!
DON'T COME NEAR ME...
FLINCH

YUME!?
TAP
I'M SORRY ...

I DON'T WANT TO THINK THESE THINGS.
I DON'T WANT TO THINK LIKE THIS, BUT...
NO...
NO ...
I DON'T WANT THIS.

WHAT THIS BODY WANTS...
SO AWFUL ...
WHEN I SEE MY FRIENDS OR PASSERS-BY...
HUFF ...

I THINK THEY LOOK SO TASTY ...
PANT
I DON'T WANT TO EAT THEM.
I DON'T WANT TO EAT THEM.
BUT I'M SO HUNGRY.
I WANT TO EAT THEM
MY HEAD FEELS FUNNY...
I WANT TO EAT THEM
I CAN'T.
I JUST CAN'T.
I WANT TO EAT THEM
POP POP

I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF ANY LONGER ...
I WANT TO EAT THEM

YUME!

YUME
...
ARE YOU
OKAY!?

!
WHY ...
...
BIG BRO-THER...
TUG
WE'LL TALK LATER.
THIS WAY!
BIG BROTHER!?
WAIT...
W-

WHAT, YOU DON'T TRUST ME?
AM I... DREAMING AGAIN?
BIG BROTHER ...?
ARE YOU REALLY HIM?
LOOK.
CHECK IT OUT.
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT ME, I'M YOUR BIG BRO!
THIS IS REAL!
THUMP
BROTHER!
BIG BROTHER ...
YOU'RE ALIVE...

WHAP
YOU... CAN'T!
BIG BRO-THER...!
I... I KNOW I'LL JUST BECOME THAT MONSTER AGAIN!
HURRY AND GET AWAY FROM ME!
PAT
ぽん
IT'S OKAY, YUME.
HUH ...?
YOUR BIG BRO WILL PROTECT YOU.
ギュッ... SQUEEZE
NO MATTER WHAT!!

...?
BIG BRO-THER ...?

HAH
...
HAH
...
HAH
...
HAH
...
HAH
...
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
* SIGN: USE PROHIBITED

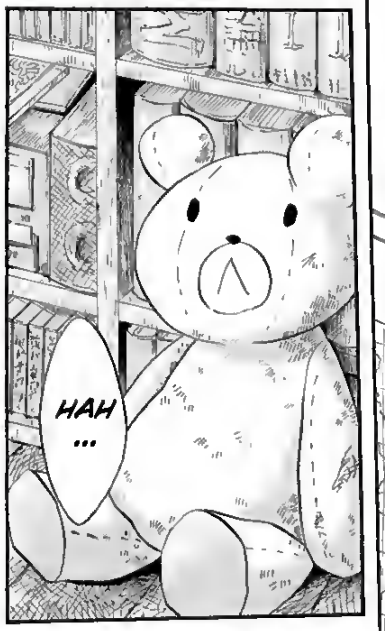
MUNCH
MUNCH
HAH ...
HAH ...
ぐちゃ…
MUNCH
ぐちゃ…
MUNCH
HAH ...
TWITCH
TWITCH

SPLAT
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
I'M SORRY ...
I'M SO SORRY ...
BIG BROTHER ...
BEEP
MUNCH
... YU... ME...
BIG BRO-
... IT'S OKAY, YUME...
STROKE

BECAUSE I...
TWITCH
ピキ...ピキ...
TWITCH
AM A MONSTER NOW, TOO.
TWITCH
ピキ...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE EATEN BY SOMEONE?

CHAPTER 4: PEEPING TOMCAT



THEN FINALLY, YOUR BODY BECOMES NOTHING MORE THAN A LUMP OF MEAT...

YOU START TO LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS.

AND THE STINK OF IRON IS SO STRONG YOU ALMOST RETCH.

YOUR FLESH IS TORN.

HOT BLOOD COMES GUSHING OUT.

YOUR BREATH COMES IN GULPS.

YOUR BONES AND SKIN ARE RIPPED TO SHREDS.

...
RIIIP
SQUEEZE

BIG BROTHER ...
MUNCH
YOUR MEAT...
MUNCH
IS SO GOOD...
RIIID
OW ...
CRUNCH
UWAAAH
TWITCH
TWITCH
AH ...

YU...
ME...
AGH...
WAAAAAH
CHOMP
AH...
WAGH

UWAAH
VRRR
AH
AH
AH
HEH HEH...

UTSUTSU IS SURE TRYING HIS BEST.

THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY THAT MANY CIVILIANS COULD BE VICTIMS...
THAT... THE RISK IS WAY TOO HIGH!
OH, IT'S FINE.

SHE COULD POSSIBLY TURN INTO THE MONSTER IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN.

MARIA, WAS IT REALLY OKAY TO LET THEM GO HOME?
HMM. I WONDER.

A FEW SACRIFICES MUST BE MADE FOR THE SAKE OF RESEARCH.
A FEW... YOU'RE GAMBLING PEOPLES' LIVES!
BUT WE CAN'T HELP IT.
IT'S TOO MUCH FUN.
... WHA ...!?
CLATTER
ESPECIALLY UTSUTSU BACK THEN...
HEH HEH... I GET A SHIVER DOWN MY SPINE WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT...
TAP
YES ...
THAT'S IT ...

CONTINUE TO OBSERVE YUME HASEGAWA'S MOVEMENTS.
LET ME KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF SOMETHING HAPPENS.
GOODBYE.
RATTLE
SCREECH
RATTLE
SCREECH
RATTLE
PSHHH
BEEP

THIS IS...
...!
RELAX.
I JUST NEED YOU TO BE QUIET FOR A BIT.
OH, HOW ODD!
SLUMP
GAH...
STO...
THWACK
!

UTSUSU!

...
GLARE
I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU'RE ALIVE.
YOU WERE KILLED AND EATEN BY YOUR SISTER...
NOW NOW YOU CAN'T BE STEALING MY RESEARCHER'S CLOTHES
HOW DID YOU DO IT, I WONDER?
HUFF
BITCH ...

WHACK!!!
DON'T YOU FUCKING DARE TOUCH ME!!
WHERE IS YUME!?
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER!?

I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.
HA HA.
NOT ME... AT LEAST.
FWP
WOOSH
!
UGH ...
GSSSH

HUH ...?
WHAT ...
QUIVER
TAKE A LOOK AT WHERE I CUT YOU JUST NOW.
HEY, YOU.
HMPH. I KNEW IT...
... DAMN IT ...
MY WOUND ...
IS GONE ...!?
QUIVER
QUIVER
SHHHH
QUIVER
QUIVER

NOW I'M SURE YOU'VE REALIZED WHY YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.
YOU
ARE INFECTED.
INFECT-ED...?
BY WHAT...
!
NO WAY...
LIKE... YUME...
GOOD GUESS.
YOU ARE RIGHT.
YOU ARE NOW INFECTED BY AN AS OF YET UNKNOWN VIRUS.

AN UNKNOWN VIRUS DISCOVERED IN THE DEEPEST OF SECRECY.
"PUPA."

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE MIRACULOUS ABILITY TO HEAL WOUNDS,
THE HOST IS TORTURED BY AN INSUFFERABLE HUNGER.
EVENTUALLY THAT HUNGER EATS INTO THE HOST'S OWN CELLS AND TURNS THEM INTO ANOTHER BEING.
LIKE YOUR SISTER.

MOST PEOPLE DIE ONCE INFECTED.
BUT, VERY RARELY,
THERE ARE THOSE WHO SYNCHRONIZE WITH THE VIRUS AND EMERGE FROM THEIR COCOON.
EMERGE ...
BUT YOU CONCERN ME EVEN MORE.
YOU WERE INFECTED BY PUPA, YET WHY DO YOU NOT EMERGE FROM YOUR COCOON?
TAP
SWISH

YOUR BODY ...
FASCINATES ME.
HEH HEH..
SHOCK
...!
PLRR...
MARIA! WE HAVE AN EMER-GENCY!
WHAT HAPPEN-ED?
I AM SENDING A VIDEO TO YOUR MONITOR NOW.
BEEP

YUME!
THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION.
AT THIS POINT, HER TRANS-FORMATION IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME.
WHA ...
WHAT IS THIS ...
YUME ...
WE HAVE NO CHOICE. CALL IN THE CLOSEST SQUAD AND CAPTURE HER.
YOU BITCH!
DON'T EVEN TRY IT!

YUME IS MY DEAR SISTER!
I WON'T LET YOU MAKE HER YOUR TOY!
SHOVE
CHUCKLE
HEH ...
HEH HEH ...
THAT'S TRUE.
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING FOR YOUR SISTER
GIGGLE
LET ME PROPOSE AN IDEA.

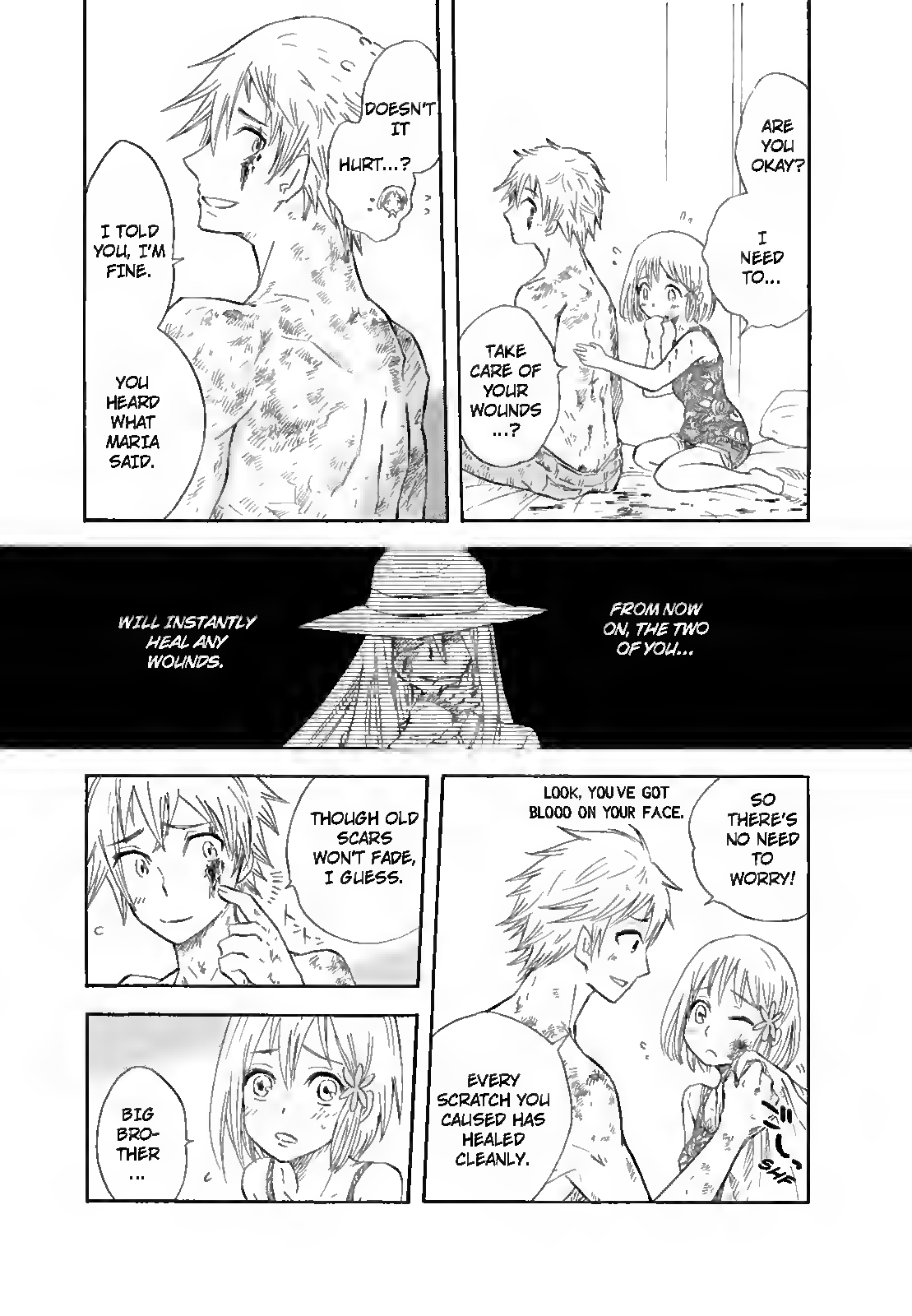
CAN YOU BE LIVE BAIT FOR YOUR SISTER?
LIVE... BAIT ...?
YES.
LIVE BAIT. ♡

I MADE THIS MEDICINE.
IT'S ANTI-PUPA MEDI-CINE.
THIS...
CAN PREVENT TRANSFORM-ATION INSTANTLY.
WHAT, YOU'VE HAD THIS THE WHOLE TIME!?
IT'S STILL IN THE DEVELOP-MENT PHASE.
IT HAS TO LINK TO A LIVING HUMAN'S CELLS
LIVING HUMAN'S CELL
+
ANTI-PUPA
CEASES TRANSFORMATION
THE MEDICINE ALONE WON'T WORK
LIVE BAIT ...
HUMAN CELLS ...

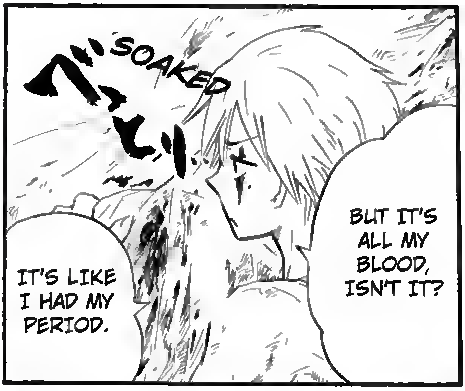
CAN YOU CONTINUE TO BE EATEN BY YOUR SISTER SO LONG AS YOU LIVE?
WELL, BIG BROTHER?
OF COURSE.
IT'S LIKE I SAID. YUME AND I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE TOGETHER.
BIG BROTHER!
SHE SAVED ME SO MANY TIMES WITH HER SMILE...
AND ALL I WANT IS TO HELP HER.

THERE'S NOTHING TO HESITATE ABOUT.
LIVE BAIT? BRING IT ON!
I WILL PROTECT YUME!!

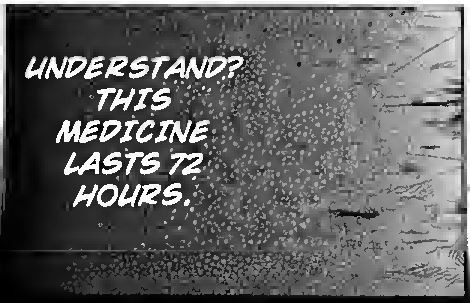
NOW HURRY AND TAKE ME TO YUME!!
AH ...
I HAVE FOUND
THE ULTIMATE GUINEA PIG...!
... BIG BROTHER?

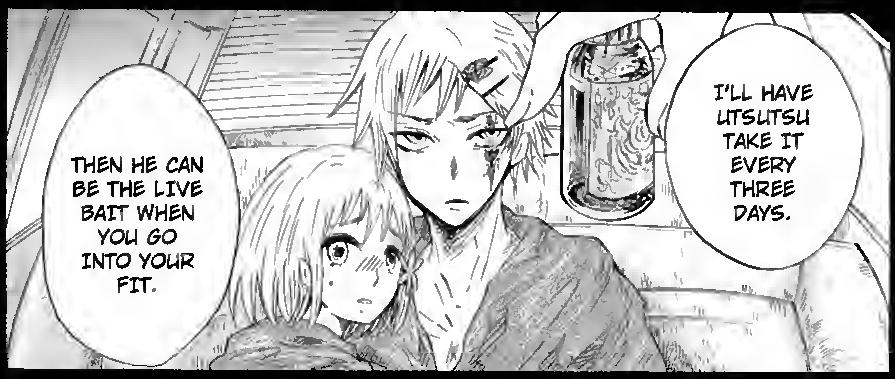

ARE YOU OKAY?
I NEED TO...
TAKE CARE OF YOUR WOUNDS ...?
DOESN'T IT HURT...?
I TOLD YOU, I'M FINE.
YOU HEARD WHAT MARIA SAID.
FROM NOW ON, THE TWO OF YOU...
WILL INSTANTLY HEAL ANY WOUNDS.
SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY!
LOOK, YOU'VE GOT BLOOD ON YOUR FACE.
EVERY SCRATCH YOU CAUSED HAS HEALED CLEANLY.
SHI
THOUGH OLD SCARS WON'T FADE, I GUESS.
BIG BRO-THER ...

YOU HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL TODAY.
'KAY ...
YOU NEED TO GET THE BLOOD CLEANED OFF.
SHOVE
OKAY, OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT.


SOAKED
IT'S LIKE I HAD MY PERIOD.
BUT IT'S ALL MY BLOOD, ISN'T IT?

SLAM
WELL ...
ABOUT THESE BLOODY SHEETS ...
I... PROBABLY CAN'T GET THESE CLEANED.

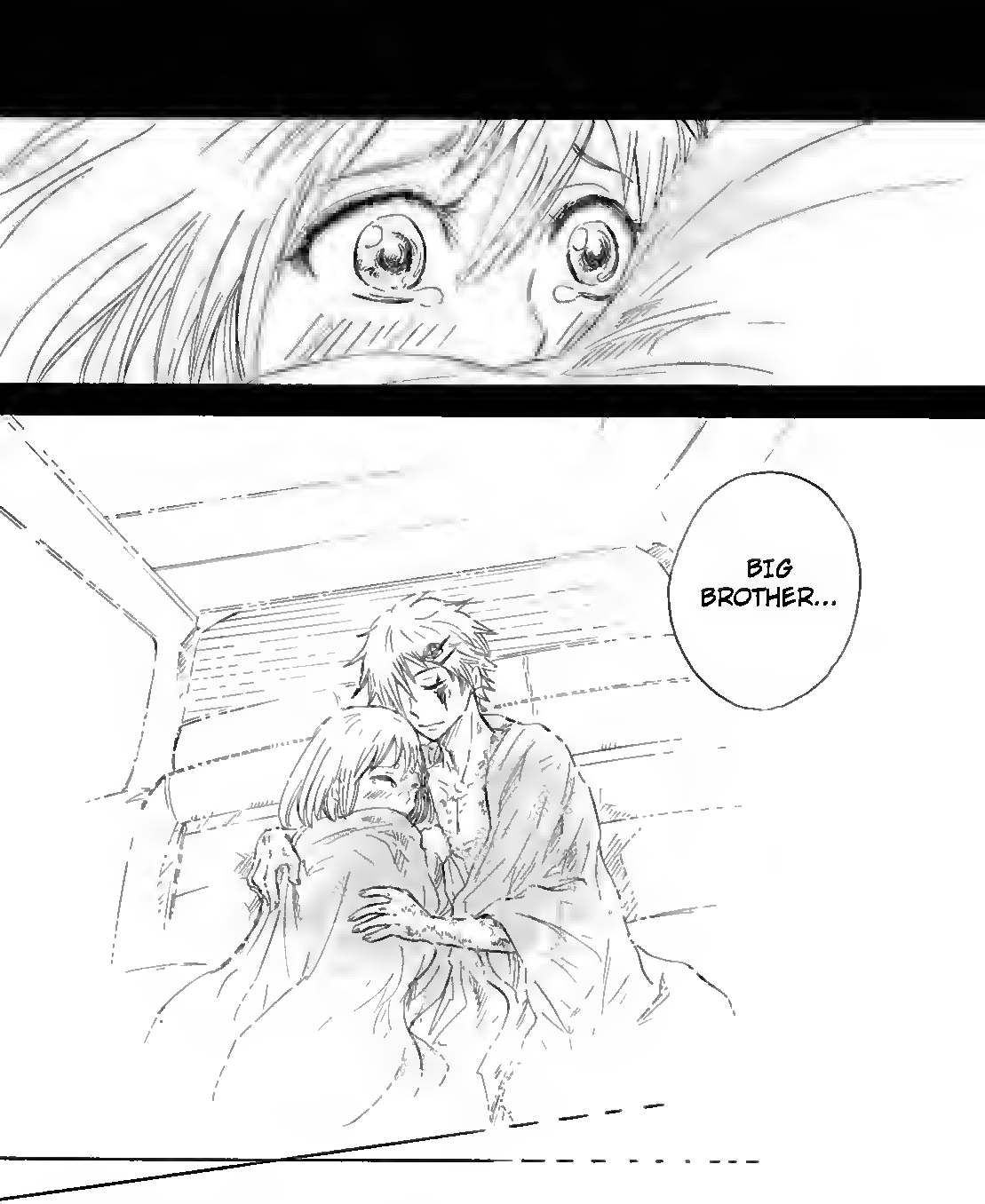

UNDERSTAND? THIS MEDICINE LASTS 72 HOURS.


I'LL HAVE UTSUTSU TAKE IT EVERY THREE DAYS.
THEN HE CAN BE THE LIVE BAIT WHEN YOU GO INTO YOUR FIT.

WHA?
DON'T DRAG IT OUT, JUST GIVE IT TO ME ALL AT ONCE.
WHY ...
... SO, COME HERE EVERY THREE DAYS TO GET THE MEDICATION...
GOT IT?
...
DO YOU... INTEND TO PUT A COLLAR ON US?
IT'S INSUR-ANCE.
GIGGL
SO NOTHING UNTOWARD HAPPENS TO ME.

B-BIG BRO-THER...
LIVE BAIT MEANS ...
WE HAVE TO KEEP DOING WHAT WE DID TODAY?
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP EATING YOU?
HAH
THAT WAS NO JOKE...
... THAT WAS A JOKE.
IN ALL SERIOUS-NESS, YOU CAN'T CREATE LARGE AMOUNTS OF THE DRUG AT ONCE.
I'D ALSO LIKE TO DO PERIODIC BODY EXAMIN-ATIONS...
BECAUSE OF ME...
MY BROTHER WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER?
I DON'T WANT THAT...
YUME ...

!
Y'KNOW, THIS DOES HURT QUITE A BIT.
SHOCK
UHEEHEE
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE...
OH NO. I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO FAINT... OR MY MUSCLES HAVE BEEN TORN AGAIN...
I... I'M SORRY -
BUT, YOU KNOW,
IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE PAINFUL IF YOU WERE GONE.



... AS I HELD YUME, I RECALLED SOME CERTAIN WORDS.

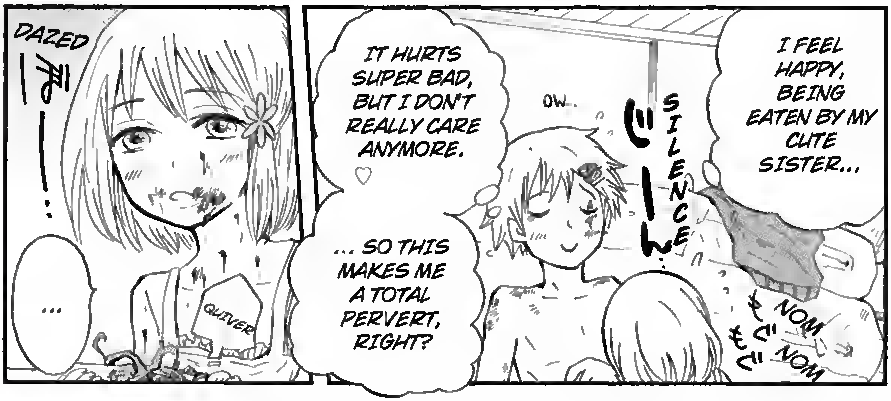
IF YOU WERE BEING CHASED, YOU'D ABANDON HER EASILY!
AFTER ALL, YOU HAVE THE SAME BLOOD AS ME.
STAB
I WILL PROTECT YUME...
IT WILL BE OKAY... YES, IT WILL...
I WILL NOT BE LIKE MY FATHER ...
I WILL FIGHT FOR US TO BE NORMAL...

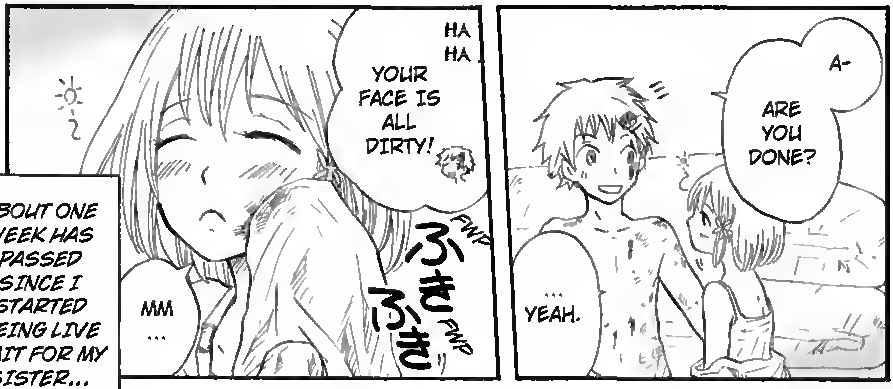
GOOD MORNING!
YO.
MORNIN'.
MORNIN'!
GOOD MORNING.

CHAPTER 5: KIND FRIENDS

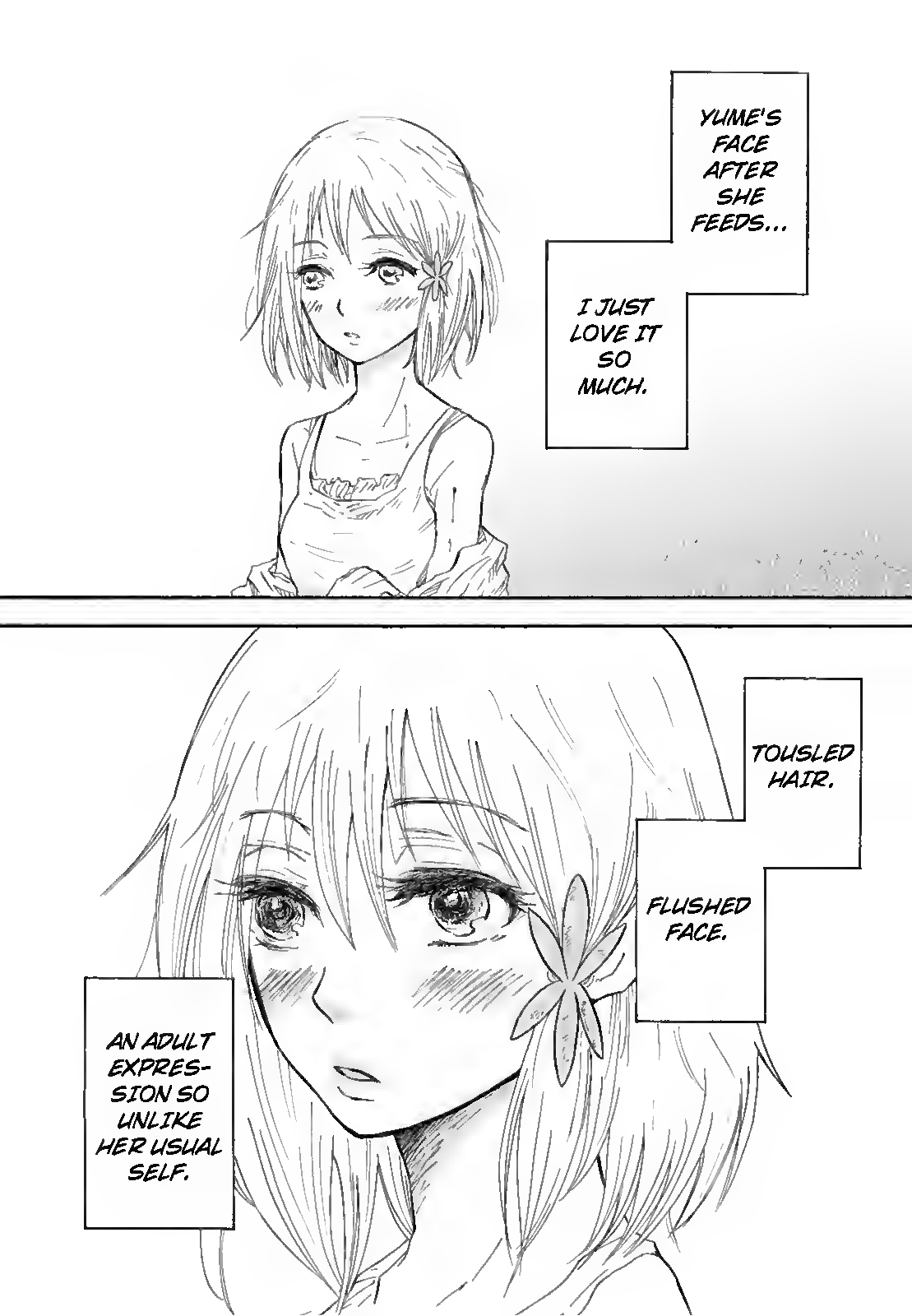
CHEEP
CHEEP
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!
HEY FRESH MEN!!
TRY HARDER, FRESH-MEN!
YES, SIR!
YOU'RE TOO SLOW!
YES, SIR!

RIIIP
OW-
...!!
FLINCH
FWEE
YES SIR!
YOU WON'T MAKE THE LEAGUE LIKE THAT!
GET IT TOGE-THER!
HAH...
CHOMP
...
...
YUME ...
COULD YOU...
GO A BIT SLOWER...
YUME ...
CHOMP
CHOMP





ABOUT ONE WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE I STARTED BEING LIVE BAIT FOR MY SISTER...

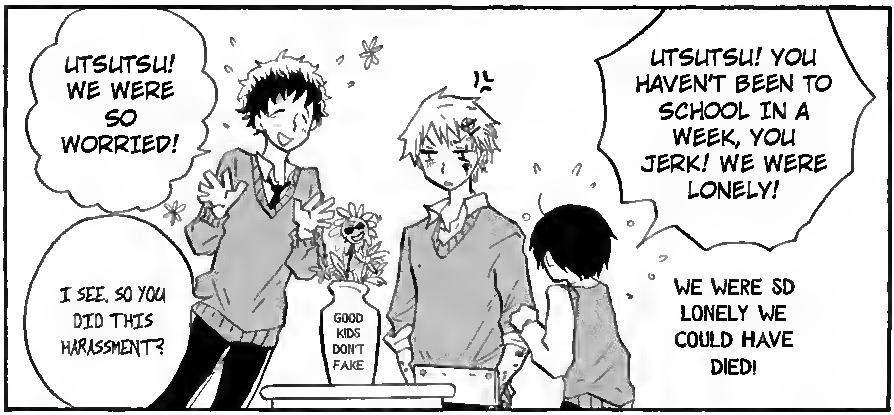

YUME'S FACE AFTER SHE FEEDS...
I JUST LOVE IT SO MUCH.
TOUSLED HAIR.
FLUSHED FACE.
AN ADULT EXPRES-SION SO UNLIKE HER USUAL SELF.

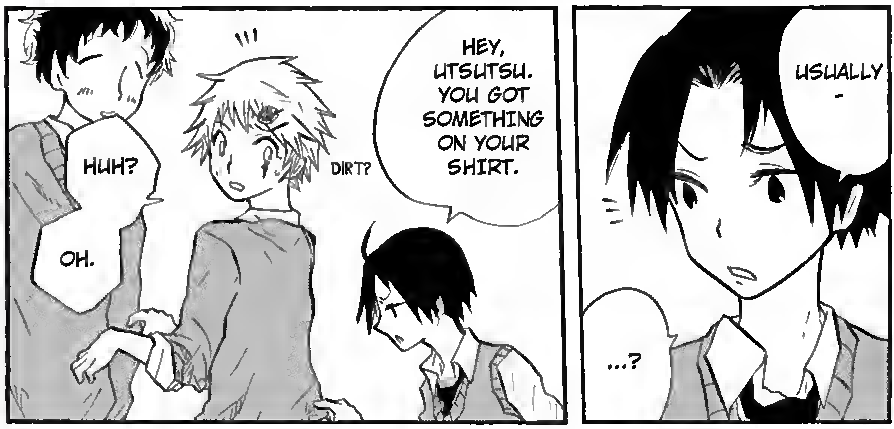
I'LL GO OUT FIRST.
WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS TO SEE HER FACE LIKE THAT,
STARE
I MUST BE THE LUCKIEST BROTHER ALIVE.
I THINK THAT BEING LIVE BAIT ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL.
MM...
SHE
DING
DONG
DING
DONG
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY'S PRAC-TICE!
WELL, LET'S GO TO CLASS.
UM...
UH... BIG BRO-THER...

IS IT... REALLY OKAY FOR ME TO GO TO SCHOOL...?
I MEAN... I'M A MONSTER.
I EAT PEOPLE.
YUME ...
IF THAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL...
GASP
は、
I...

POP
J-
JUST KIDDING!
THAT WAS A JOKE!
C'MON, HURRY AND GET TO CLASS!
TUG
EVEN I UNDER-STAND.
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE TIME TO BE GOING TO SCHOOL, BUT...
AT THE VERY LEAST...

SHIGARAKI
OH...
ARITA
2-A
AT LEAST, UNTIL I AM NO LONGER HERE...

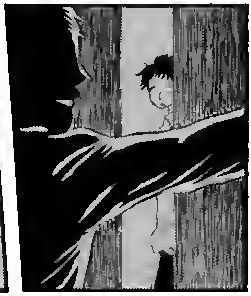

UTSUTSU! WE WERE SO WORRIED!
I SEE. SO YOU DID THIS HARASSMENT?
GOOD KIDS DON'T FAKE
UTSUTSU! YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO SCHOOL IN A WEEK, YOU JERK! WE WERE LONELY!
WE WERE SD LONELY WE COULD HAVE DIED!

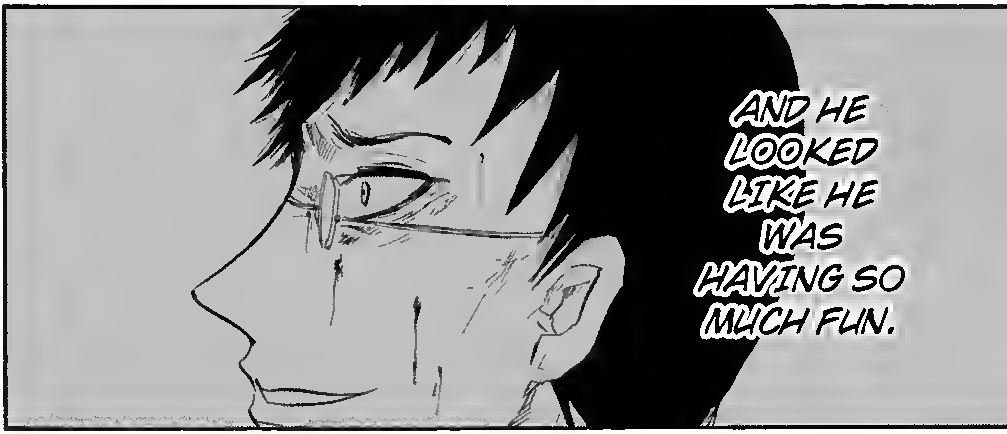

HUH?
OH.
DIRT?
HEY, UTSUTSU. YOU GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR SHIRT.
USUALLY -
...?

SHOCK
おじく
... HUH!?
THIS ... IS BLOOD ...
HEHEHEH IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE!
NOOOOOO!
VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS
SHIVER
DID SOME OLD MAN FORCE YOU INTO SOME GAY SEXIN'!?
NO, NO. THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN.
EEK!
LIKE AN ARABIAN ROMANCE!
THE CREEPY MAN AT MY SISTER'S PLACE HAD THE SAME THING ON HIM!
WAVE
WAVE
COULD IT BE...
UH...
YEAH ...
SIGH
THAT'S ... IT.
I'LL BET YOU GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH YOUR DAD AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
JUST KIDDIN' ...

MAYBE THESE FOUR LITTLE GUYS GOT IN HIS WAY OR SOME-THING.
HE LOOKED CALM. LIKE HE WAS PLAYING WITH THEM.
IT WAS OVER-WHELMING ...

I SAW HIM ONCE IN TOWN, IT WAS AWFUL.
YOU DAD'S NAME IS ONIJIMA, RIGHT?
YEAH ...




AND HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS HAVING SO MUCH FUN.

EVEN HIS OWN SON...
TO BE HONEST ... I WAS SCARED.
I THOUGHT THAT NO ONE SHOULD EVER ASSOCIATE WITH THAT GUY.
...
I CAN'T DO THAT.
IF HE TRIES ANYTHING WITH ME... OR YUME...
RUNNING AWAY ISN'T AN OPTION.
HE WON'T JUST STOP WITH LAYING A HAND ON YUME.

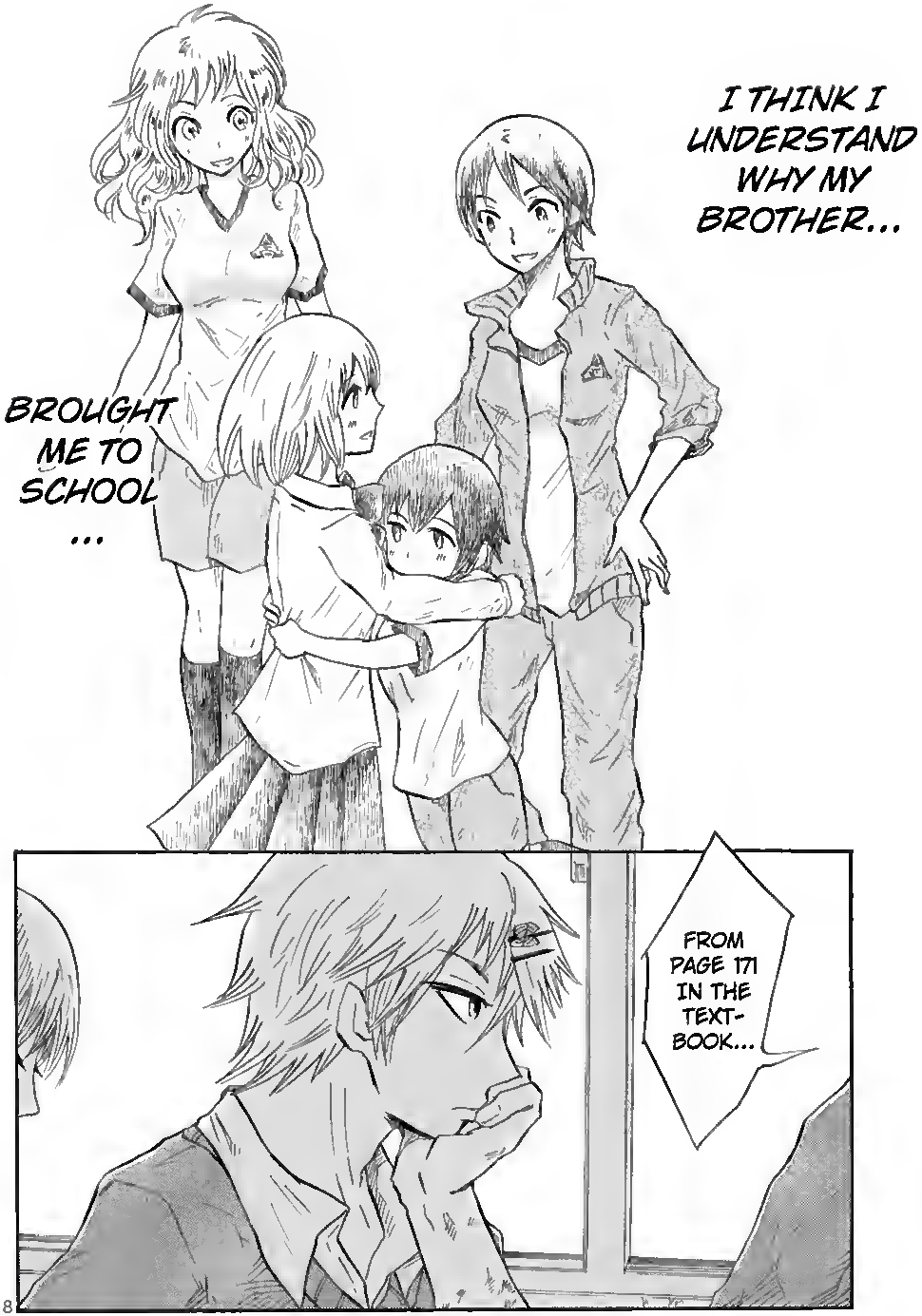
I WILL KILL ANYONE WHO CAUSES YUME TO BE UNHAPPY...
WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS!

UTSU-TSU...
FLINCH
びくっ
CLASS IS STARTING BUT HE'S GOING OFF SOME-WHERE.
SHF
いそいそ
SHF
YOU JUST GOT HERE AND YOU'RE SKIPPING?
YUME HAS P.E. NEXT.
HE HAS SUCH A REFRESHING CASE OF A SISTER COMPLEX, DOESN'T HE?

SMACK
BLEGH!
OKAY, TAKE A SEAT -
SOUMA!
YOU HAVE SOME COURAGE, TRYING TO SKIP MY CLASS, HASEGAWA.
ALSO, CALL ME "MS."
OH, YOU HAVE A SUPPLE-MENTARY EXAM TOMOR-ROW.
WHAA!?
ARE YOU KIDDING!? WHY!?
BE-CAUSE-YOU-SKIP-MY-CLASS!
I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!
CLASS IS STARTING!
DAMN, I CAN'T GET OUT OF THE CLASS-ROOM...
I WONDER IF YUME WILL BE OKAY ALONE...

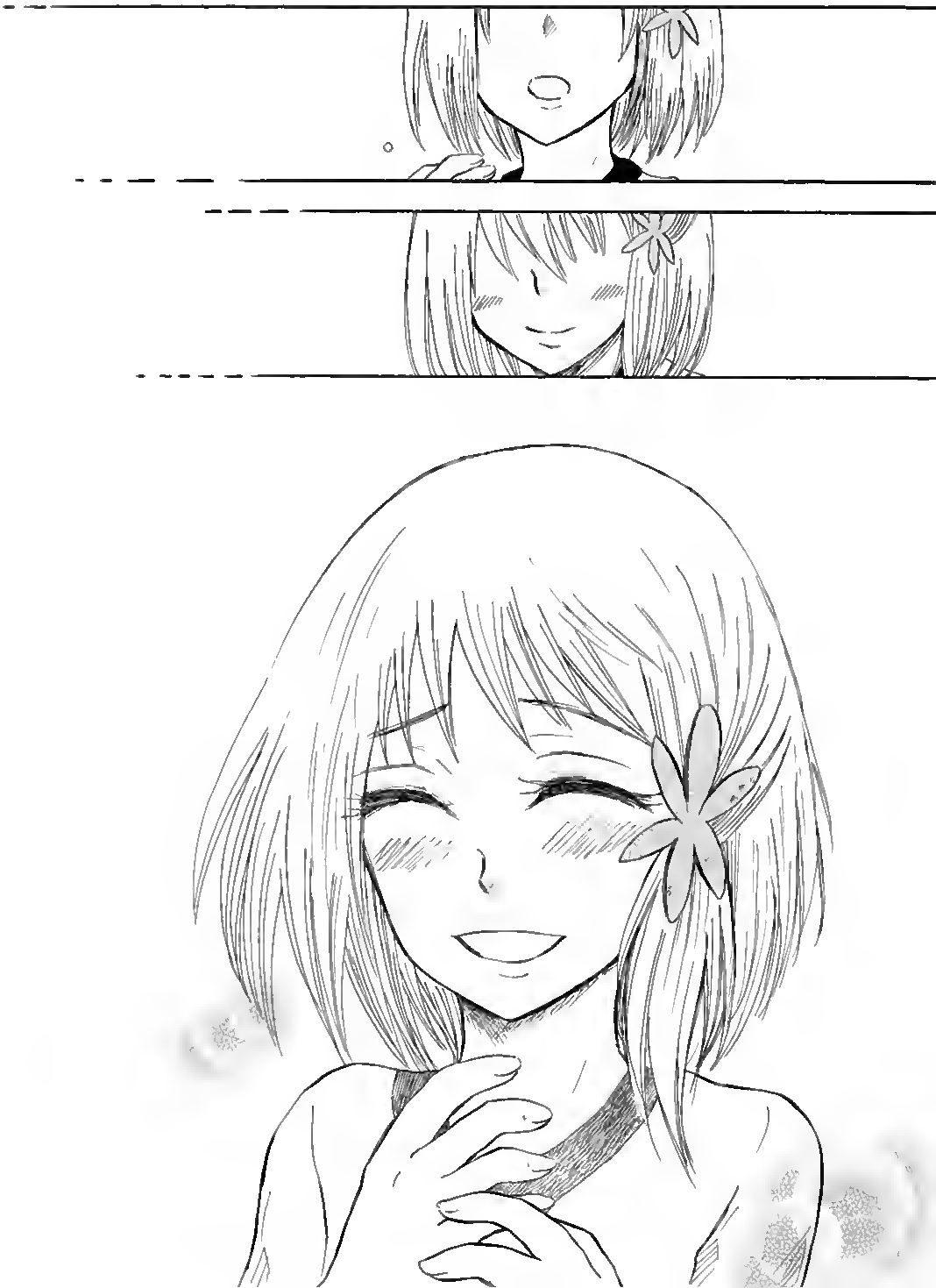
WOMEN'S CHANGING ROOM
...
AM...
I GOING TO BE OKAY...?
I GET HUNGRY WHEN I EXERCISE... WHAT IF I TRANSFORM...
I SHOULD HAVE SKIPPED SCHOOL AFTER ALL...
UGH..
IF PEOPLE SEE MY WOUNDS HEAL IT WILL BE REALLY BAD...
AND IF THE WORST HAPPENS AND I ATTACK PEOPLE...
AND I CAN'T GO BACK TO NORMAL...
E
ME
...ME
YUME!
HEY...
HYAAA
GROPE
もみ
もみ
GROPE
GROPE
もみ
GROPE
DID YOUR BOOBS GET BIGGER...?

SWEAT
KU-
KUTANI ...
YUME, YOUR BOOBS... GOT BIGGER...
SQUEEZE
I'M GLAD...
THAT YOU'RE ...
FEELING BETTER ...
KARA-TSU.
ORIBE.
SHE WAS SUPER WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
AREN'T YOU GLAD, KUU?
!
DON'T NOT COME TO SCHOOL ANY MORE.
KU-TANI ...
SQUEEEZE
IT'S OKAY.
I...
WON'T GO ANY-WHERE ...
I SEE...


I THINK I UNDERSTAND WHY MY BROTHER...
BROUGHT ME TO SCHOOL ...
FROM PAGE 171 IN THE TEXT-BOOK...

キーン
DING
コーン
DONG
PUSH!
PUSH!
ONCE MORE AROUND!
DONG
DING
PUSH!
PUSH!

SWISH
SWOON
FLINCH
びくっ
CHOKE
CHOKE
AH...



MAN, THAT WAS FUN!
YOU'RE DUMB, UTSU-TSU.
SHUT UP.
IN THE END, YOU HAD TO DO EXTRA PROBLEMS.
POINT
YOU ARE JUST SO DUMB.
AS PUNISH-MENT, DO THIS WORK BY TOMORROW.
YOU'LL ALSO DO A MAKE UP EXAM.
IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO BE SCREWING AROUND HERE?
HMMM?
♪LA LA LA♪
IT'S FINE. I'LL DO IT TOMORROW MORNING.

WHAT'S WRONG, UTSUTSU?
LISTEN TO MY SONG
OH. I GOT A TEXT...
VRR
VRR
VRR
AND ...
...?
...
HEY...
UTSU-TSU!?
!?
WHAT'S WRONG, BIG BROTHER?

GRAB
BIG BRO-THER!?
... SHIT. WE'RE GOING HOME, YUME!
HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER ALL OF A SUDDEN!?
FLINCH
SORRY ARITA, SHIGARAKI.
I... REALLY NEED TO GO...

WOOOSH
ずどば
DAY OF A BIG MEAT SALE AT THE STORE!!
WHY? IT'S BECAUSE TODAY IS THE
From SUPERMARKET
Sub: MEAT SALE
TO OUR CUSTOMERS
NOTICE OF A SPECIAL DEAL!
ON THE 29TH! MEAT HALF-OFF!!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT!?

I JUST HAVE TO GO!!
IT'S NOT JUST THAT! TODAY IS WEDNESDAY SO IT'S ALSO DOUBLE STAMP DAY!!
UTSUTSU, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DECIDE ON YOUR PRINCIPLES WITH YOUR WIFE.
DAMN IT, UTSUTSU!! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU!?
HEY, UTSU-TSU!
HEY! WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW!? YOU'VE NEVER HAD TO BE THE HEAD OF A HOUSE-HOLD!!
STUPID, STUPID! WE'RE NOT GOING WITH YOU! HURRY UP AND GET YOUR LIMITED TIME OFFER OR WHATEVER IT IS YOU WANT!!
I'M GOING!! I'M GOING, GET IT!?
BLAZE
OH MY
...WHAT.
CONFUSED
おお3 3.

COME TO SCHOOL TOMORROW, TOO!!
WE'LL ...
BE WAITING FOR YOU TO GET THERE!

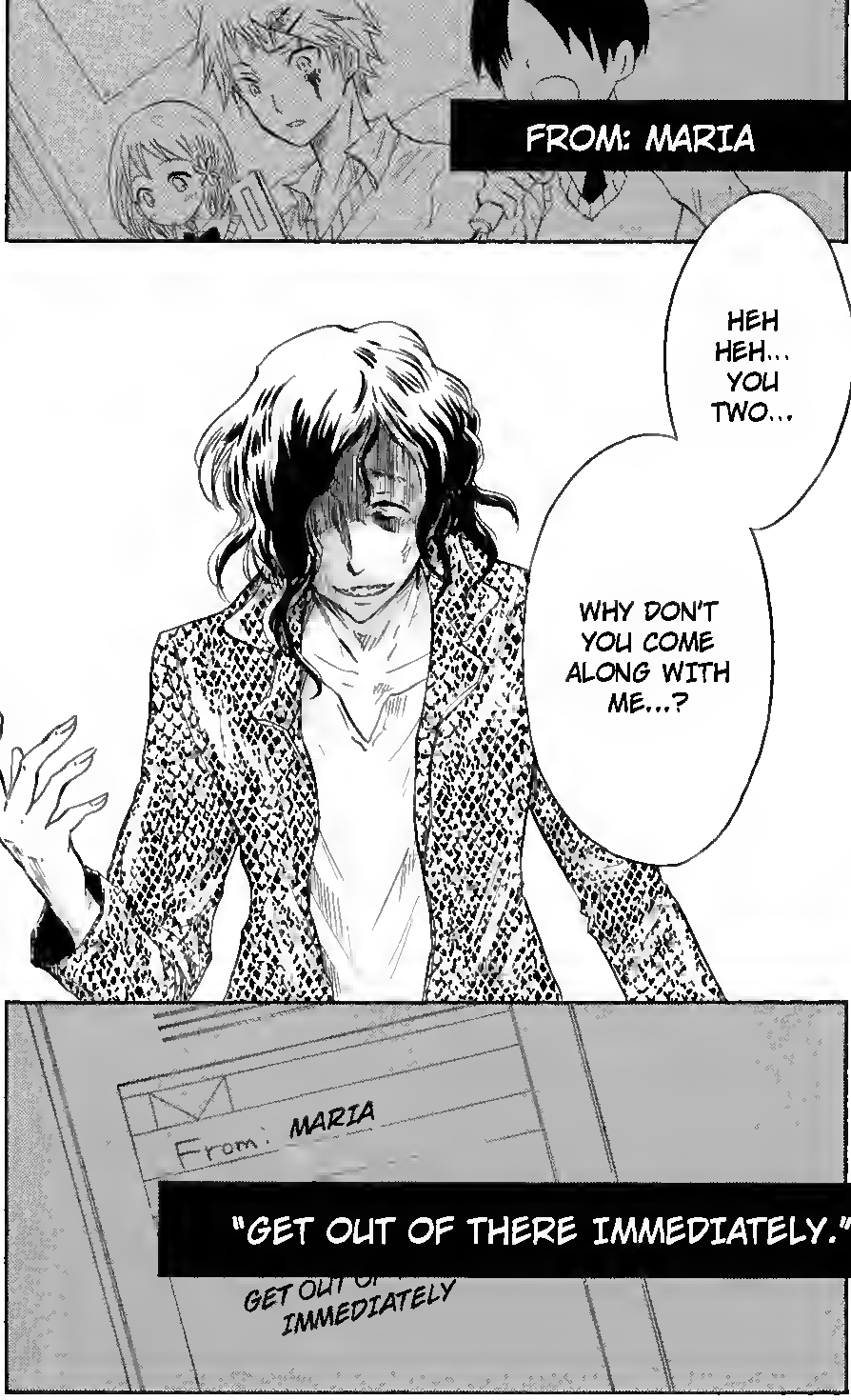
SEE YA ...
CREAK
HAHA.
DON'T EXAGGER-ATE.

SLAM
TOMORROW.

THAT SALE DOESN'T START FOR ANOTHER TWO DAYS...
HE GOT CAUGHT THIS TIME.
UTSU-TSU IS AN IDIOT.
THEY LEFT ...
HMPH ...

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
205
225
HEY,
WHAT'S WRONG!?
BIG BRO-THER...
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING STRANGE.
HEY...
GASP
BIG BROTHER ...!

I'M SORRY...
I'M AFRAID THAT... YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO GO THROUGH THIS WAY...


FROM: MARIA
HEH HEH... YOU TWO...
WHY DON'T YOU COME ALONG WITH ME...?
From: MARIA
"GET OUT OF THERE IMMEDIATELY."
IMMEDIATELY

201
202
205
NO NEED TO BE ON YOUR GUARD.
I... JUST CAME TO PICK YOU TWO UP...

WELL ...
I GET TO PLAY WITH YOU A LITTLE BEFORE THEN...

CHAPTER 6: LOSING SIGHT OF TOMORROW

WHERE ARE UTSUTSU AND YUME HASEGA-WA!?
THE SIGNAL WAS INTERRUPTED AT 16:24 AND THEIR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN!
HURRY AND GET THEIR CURRENT LOCA-TION!
...
ONCE YOU LOCATE THEM, SEND A SQUAD RIGHT AWAY.
WE MUST PROTECT THOSE TWO.
I WAS CARELESS...

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT THEY
WOULD TRY TO CAPTURE THEM SO QUICKLY ...
COULD IT BE THAT WE HAVE A TRAITOR?

AM I RIGHT?
AFTER ALL, IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THEM TO BE FOUND.
HOTOKI ...
MAN, I'M TIRED OF THIS~!
OOH, HOW MEAN!
SHRUG
IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU'RE THE TOP SUSPECT.
TAHA!
HA HA.
I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO...
SEND YOU OUT EARLIER THAN I THOUGHT...
...

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
...HAH...

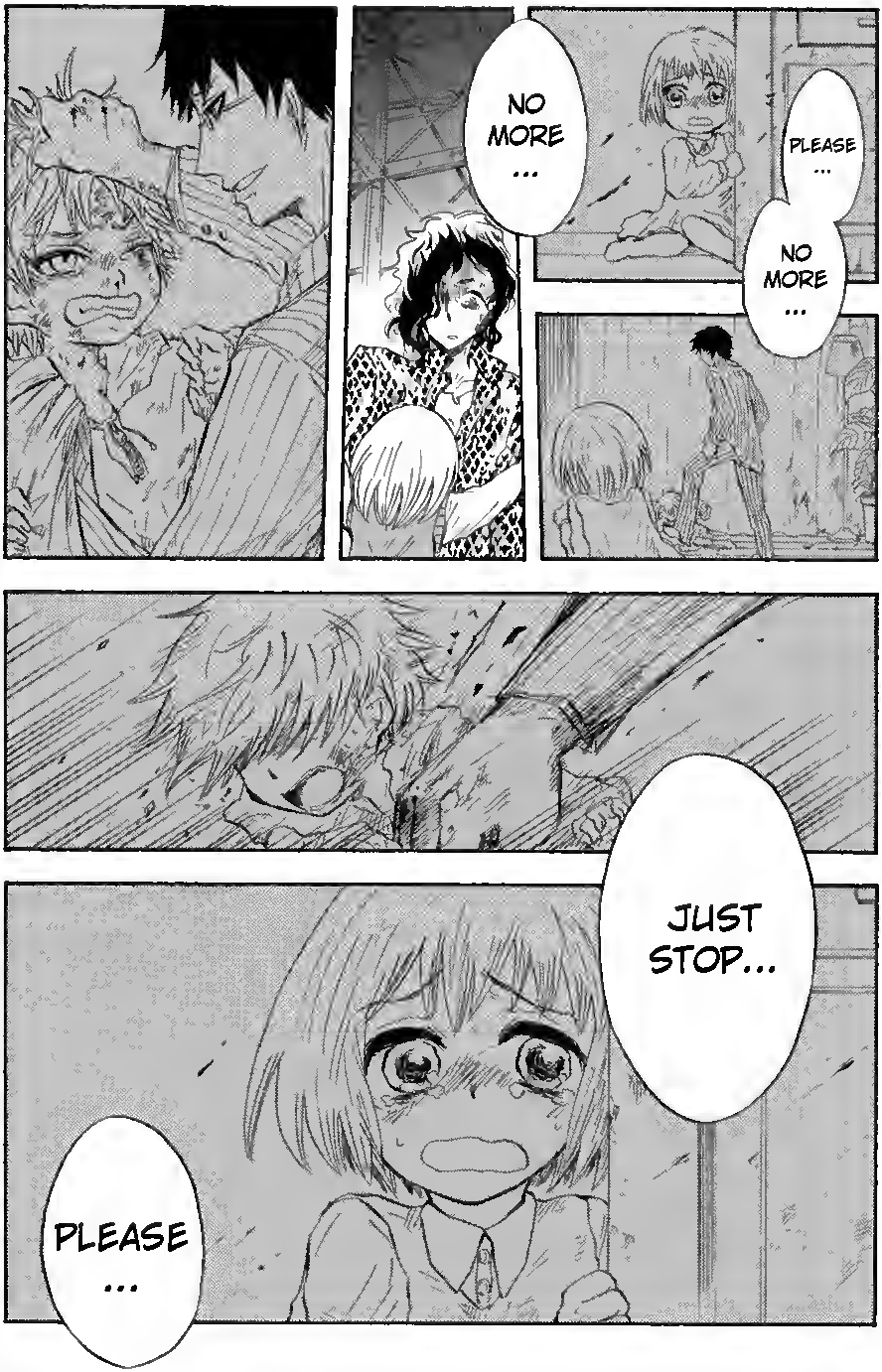
HA ...
DAMMIT ... WHO IS THIS-GUY...?
HA ...
HAH ...
HA ...
HAH ...
HA ...
WHY ...
LOOM

SWISH
WHY IS HE AFTER US...?
WHAT, DONE ALREADY?
HOW BORING ...
...
LET'S PLAY SOME MORE ...
AND I... HAD SO BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.
LIKE THIS!
STAB
SHOVE
AH ...

AAAAAH
AH HA HA.
YOU'RE AMAZING!
TWIST
YOU REALLY DO HEAL RIGHT AWAY...
QUIVER
THIS IS GREAT!
HA...
AH...
QUIVER
I CAN PLAY WITH YOU FOR-EVER!
AH
TWIST

CRUSH
SMASH
SLASH
SLASH
AAH
AAH
AAH
AAH
AAH
AAH
MAN, EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE ONE OF YOU.
IF THEY GOT IN A BAD MOOD, THEY COULD BEAT AND PLAY WITH YOU...
AH, BUT YOU'RE A BIT NOISY.
IT'D BOTHER THE NEIGHBORS. THEY'D HAVE TO STUFF YOUR MOUTH...
...
HEY ...
ST... STOP...
DON'T MOVE~
AH ...
!
IF I TOOK OUT YOUR EYE, WOULD IT GROW BACK?

SQUISH
SLAM
STOP IT!!
PLEASE... JUST... STOP IT...
STOP IT...


NO MORE ...
PLEASE ...
NO MORE ...
JUST STOP...
PLEASE ...

DON'T DO MEAN THINGS TO MY BROTHER!!
WHACK
BESIDES, YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!
AH ...
YOU'RE KINDA ANNOY-ING...
THWACK
YOU MON-STER !!
!

YOU ARE FAR MORE CRUEL THAN ME.
AFTER ALL, IF YOU GET HUNGRY, YOU EAT YOUR BROTHER, DON'T YOU?

AND THAT'S NOT ALL.
YOU TURNED INTO A MONSTER AND ATE PEOPLE YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW TO YOUR HEARTS' CONTENT.
BUT YOU STILL WENT TO SCHOOL.
DID YOU PLAN TO EAT YOUR FRIENDS, TOO?
NO ...
AND, YOU KNOW...

YOU
ARE DANGER-OUS.
YOU CAN'T BE AROUND PEOPLE.
GET IT?

YOU ARE A MONSTER.
SO THAT IT DOESN'T COME OUT AGAIN ...
SWISH
WE'LL HAVE TO LOCK YOU AWAY IN A CAGE.

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING TO MY SISTER?
THWACK

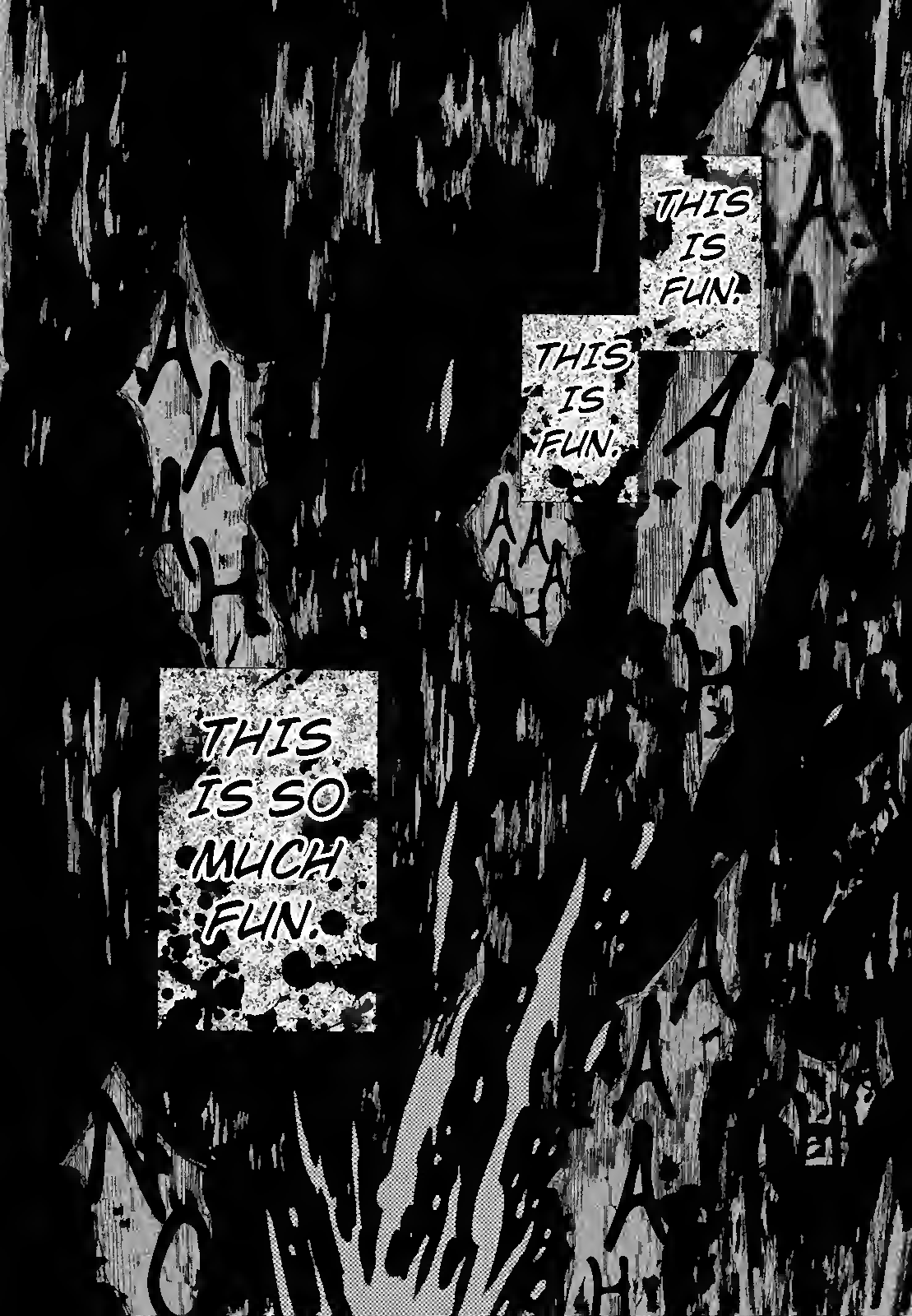
BIG BRO-THER ...?
WHACK
CRRSH
FLINCH
...?
...TCH.
THAT HURT... DAMN.
AND I WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF...
WOOSH
THWACK
!!

SHUT UP.
YOU SHUT YOUR MOUTH, YOU STUCK-UP BASTARD.
GLARE
YOU MADE YUME CRY.
DIDN'T YOU!?
WHAT IS...
WITH HIM...?
KAH...
HAH...

IT'S LIKE HE'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON THAN BEFORE...
...
SQUEEZE
SWP
THAT'S RIGHT. EARLIER YOU WERE PLAYING WITH MY BODY, WEREN'T YOU.

SQUISH
LET ME THANK YOU.
!!!
AAAAAAAAAAAGH
!
... HEE ...

HA HA.
YOU'RE SO DESPERATE! BUT...
GIVE ME BACK MY EYE...
GIVE IT...
MY...
MY EYE ...
GSSH
LET'S PLAY SOME MORE.
'KAY?
AH...


AAAAH
THIS IS FUN.
THIS IS FUN.
AAAAH
THIS IS SO MUCH FUN.
AAAAH

I WANT TO DO MORE AND RE
I'M SCARED ...
HUH ...?
AH ...
!
YUME!
EEK!
FLINCH
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE...
STAY AWAY FROM ME!!

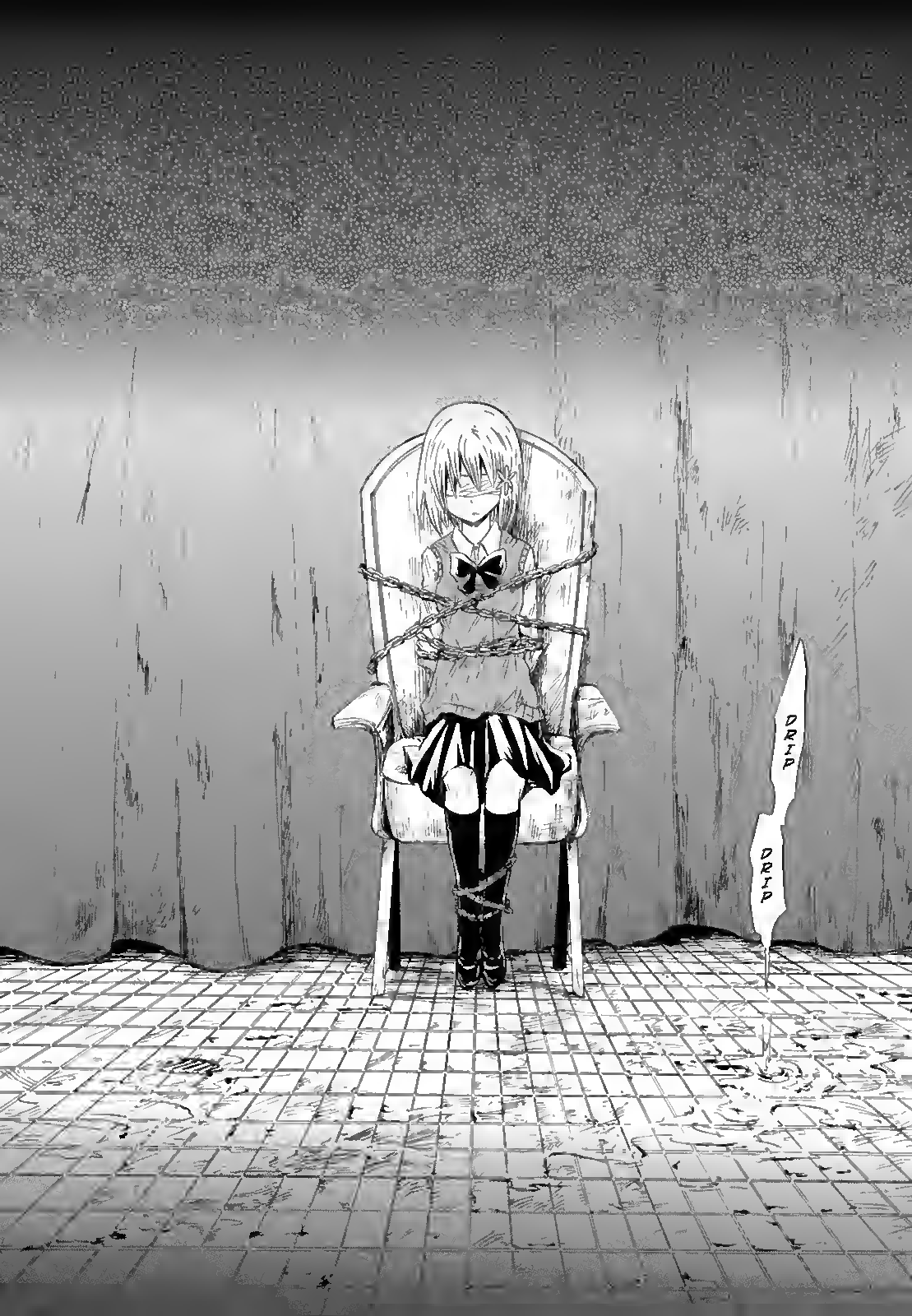
AH ...
THIS ...
IS ...
NO ...
NO ...
UH ...
AH ...
CRACKLE

SPARK
WH... AH ...?
AH ...
GASP
TSK, TSK.
BIG BRO-THER!?
FWUMP
IT'S FINE, RIGHT? EASIER FOR US THIS WAY.
MITSUI WAS SUCH A MORON.
HE SHOULD HAVE JUST FINISHED IT RIGHT AWAY, BUT HE PLAYED WITH THEM ALONG THE WAY AND GOT BEAT BY A NEWBIE.

BIG BROTHER...
WOAH. MR. ONIJIMA, WHAT IS THAT?
IT'S KINDA GORY.
HUH?

THIS IS THE PUPA OF A BUTTERFLY.
I FOUND IT IN THE GARDEN.
THOUGH I ACCIDENTALLY GRABBED AND CRUSHED IT.
OH.
IT'S A PUPA, SO THE INSIDES ARE A BIT OF A MESS, RIGHT...?
THAT IS RIGHT.

IT'S A SLOPPY MESS.
DRIP
DRIP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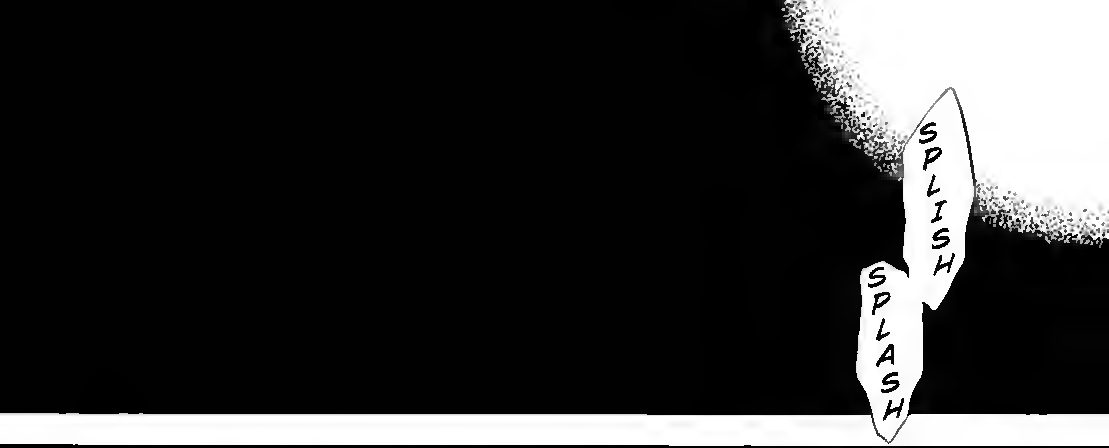
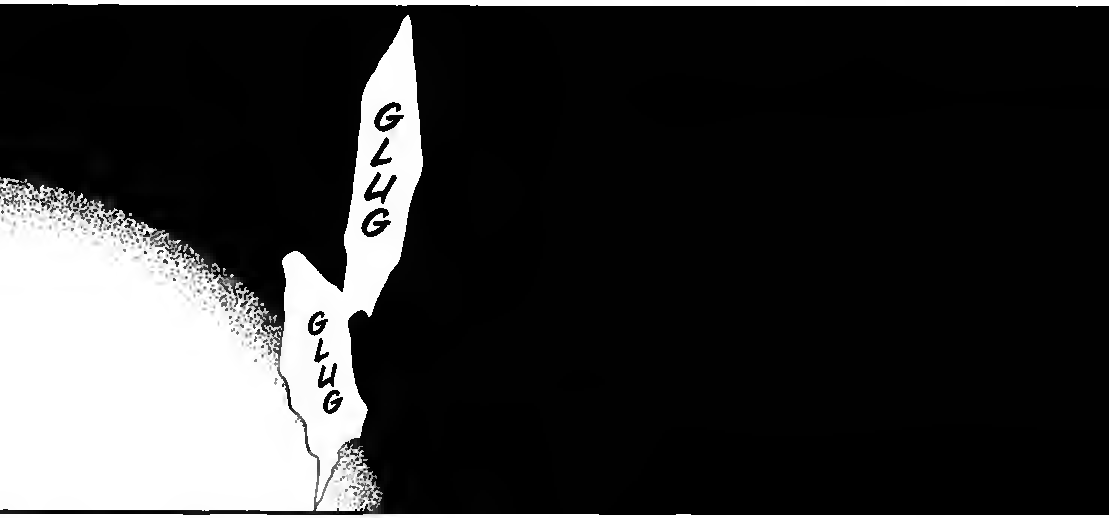
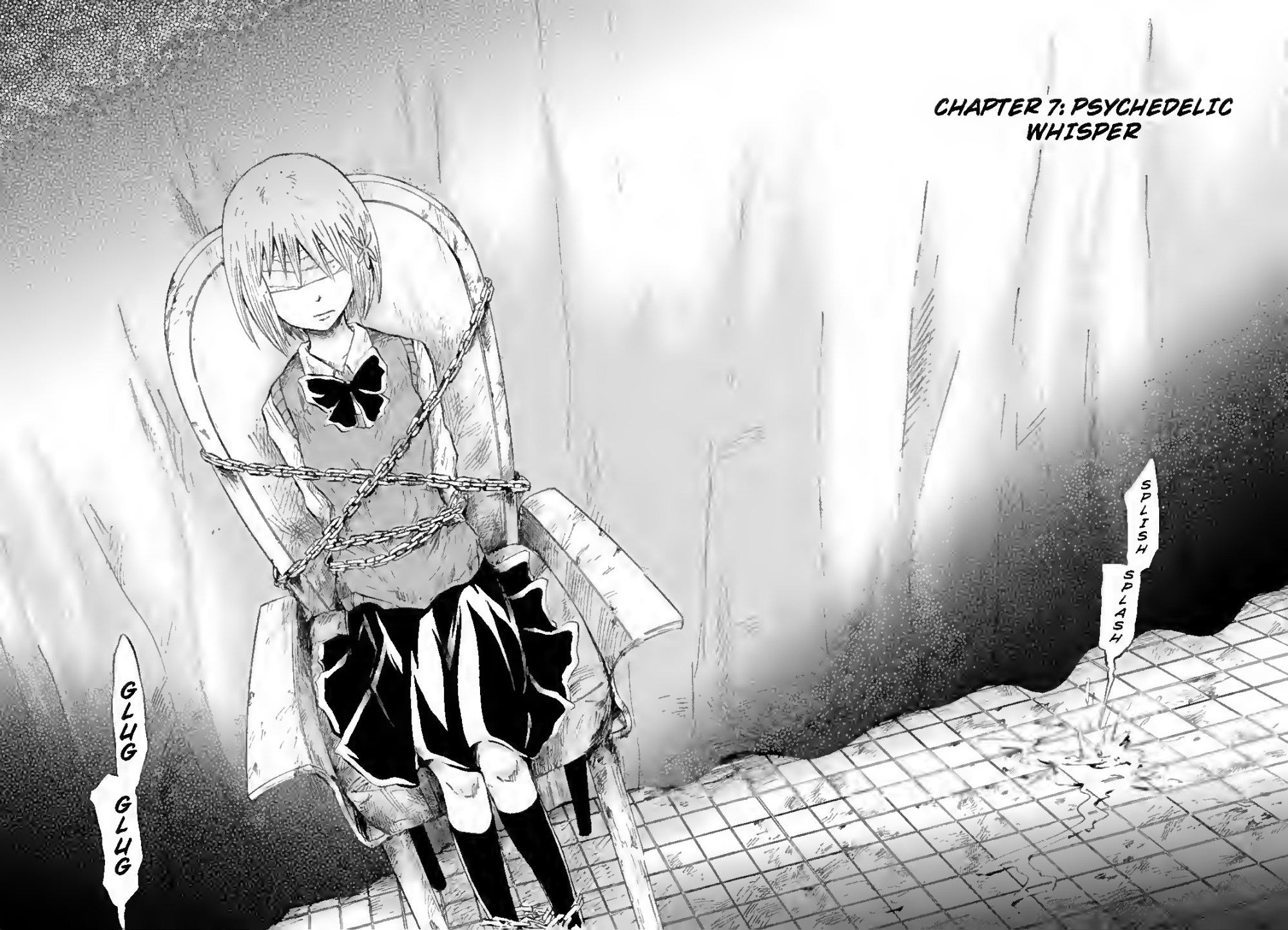


WHERE AM I?



WHAT... IS HAPPENING TO ME...?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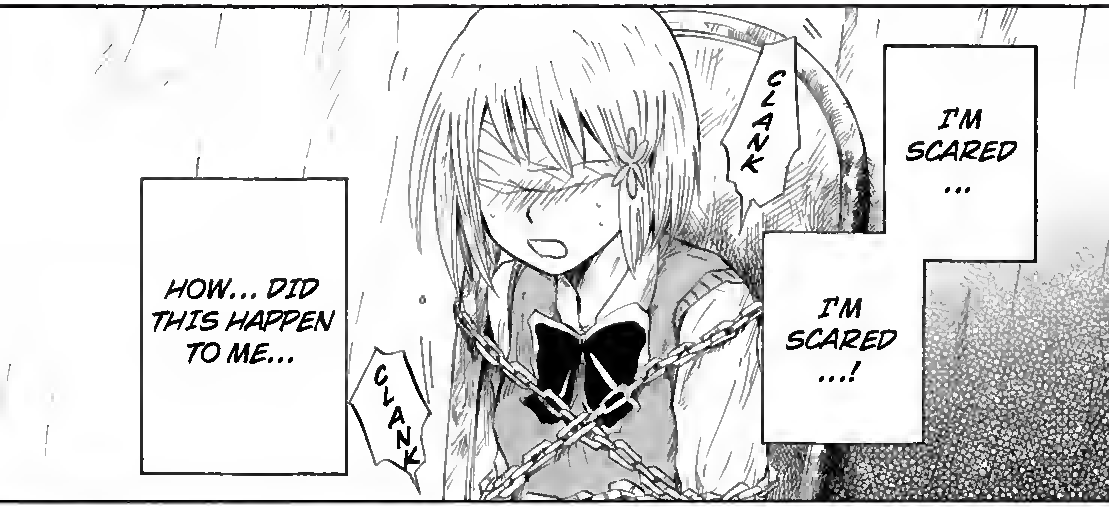
SPLISH SPLASH
GLUG GLUG



COLD

AND DARK...

I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING

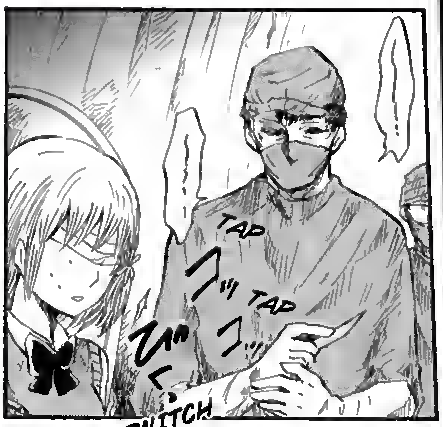
AND I CAN'T MOVE MY BODY...

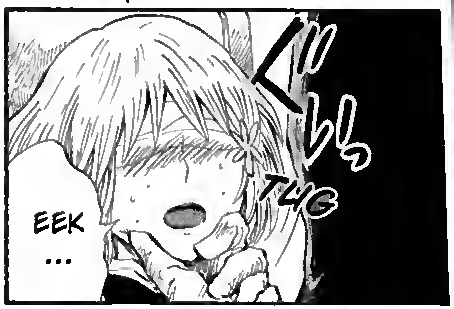
CHACK
ビク
FLINCH

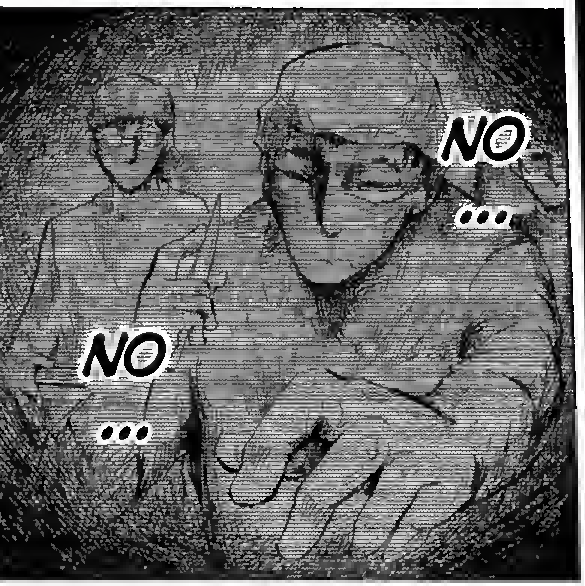
WHAT... WHAT IS THAT SOUND...?
WHAT IS IT...?
CHACK CHACK
CLICK
カ
CLICK
SHHHH
ニャ
CHACK
CHACK
RATTLE RATTLE
ガラガラガラ...

WHA...
CHACK
CHACK

FROM NOW ON...
WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME ...?
HAH ...
HAH ...
CLANK
ガ・ガ・
CLANK!







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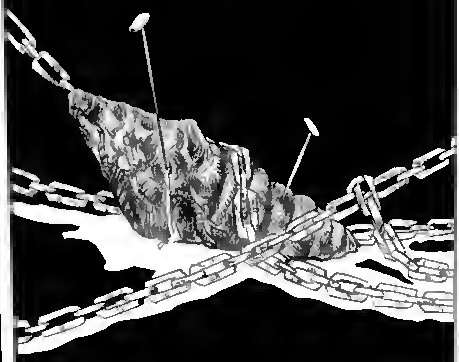
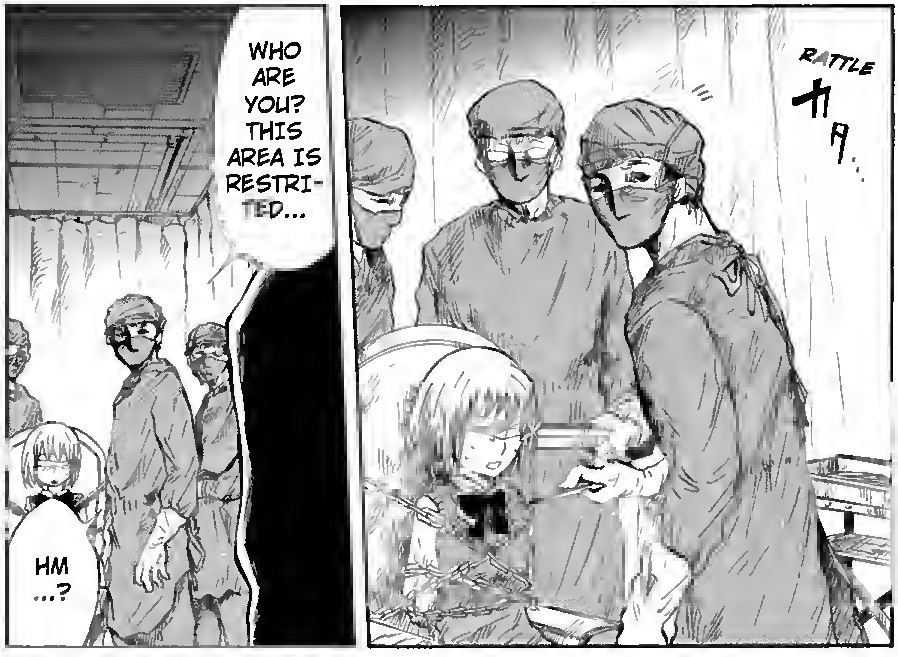


I'M SCARED...!

NO, I DON'T WANT THIS!
H-HELP ME!!
BIG BRO-THER!


WHO ARE YOU? THIS AREA IS RESTRI-TED...
HM ...?
RATTLE
カタ...

WHACK
YOU... NO WAY...!
GAH ...
FLINCH
STOP ...
GUAH ...
UWAH ...
!
WHA... WHAT...? WHAT'S THAT NOISE...?
JUST WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON HERE...?
... HMPH. THESE PEOPLE ARE SO UNREFINED.

REACH
RUSTLE
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE.
ARE YOU OKAY?
FLINCH
!
A MAN...
WHO ...?
THAT'S NOT MY BROTHER'S VOICE...

IN THIS DARK AND COLD WORLD...
HIS VOICE IS THE ONLY THING THAT IS SO VERY WARM...
BUT... IT'S A VERY KIND VOICE.
IS IT THAT MAN'S VOICE?
...NO.
THEN IS IT MY DAD?
... NO, THIS VOICE IS SOFTER.
IT ISN'T ARITA'S OR SHIGARAKI'S VOICE EITHER...
IT'S THE VOICE OF SOMEONE I DON'T KNOW...

SOMEHOW, IT REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING ...
AND... THIS HAND...
THE FEELING OF BEING WRAPPED UP IN SOMETHING ...
BIG BROTHER ...
RELIEF... AH... THAT'S IT...
TWITCH

UM ...?
...?
SWISH
I SEE ...
YOU ARE ...
RUSTLE
WHAT ARE YOU...
DOING ...
SMOOCH

UH ... AH ...
LISTEN WELL.
YOU'LL SLEEP FOR A SHORT WHILE.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, LEAVE THE ROOM RIGHT AWAY AND RUN TOWARD THE LIGHT.
WHEN YOU AWAKEN, YOU SHOULD BE FREE.
GOT IT?
NO MATTER WHAT YOU SEE OR HEAR, DO NOT GO INTO THE DARKNESS.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES... SHOULD YOU GO TOWARD THE DARKNESS...
GASP
はっ

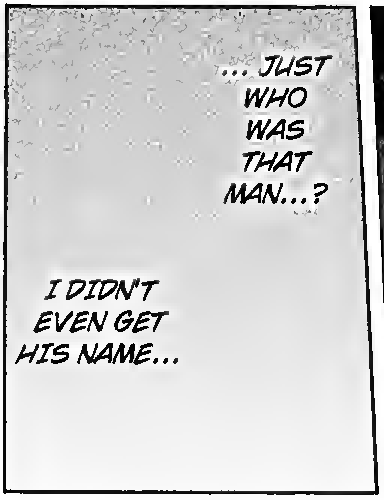
FLAP
AH
...

!!
SW
ARRRR

TAP
TAP
SQUEEZE
DASH

DON'T GET LOST IN THE LABY-RINTH...
... OKAY?

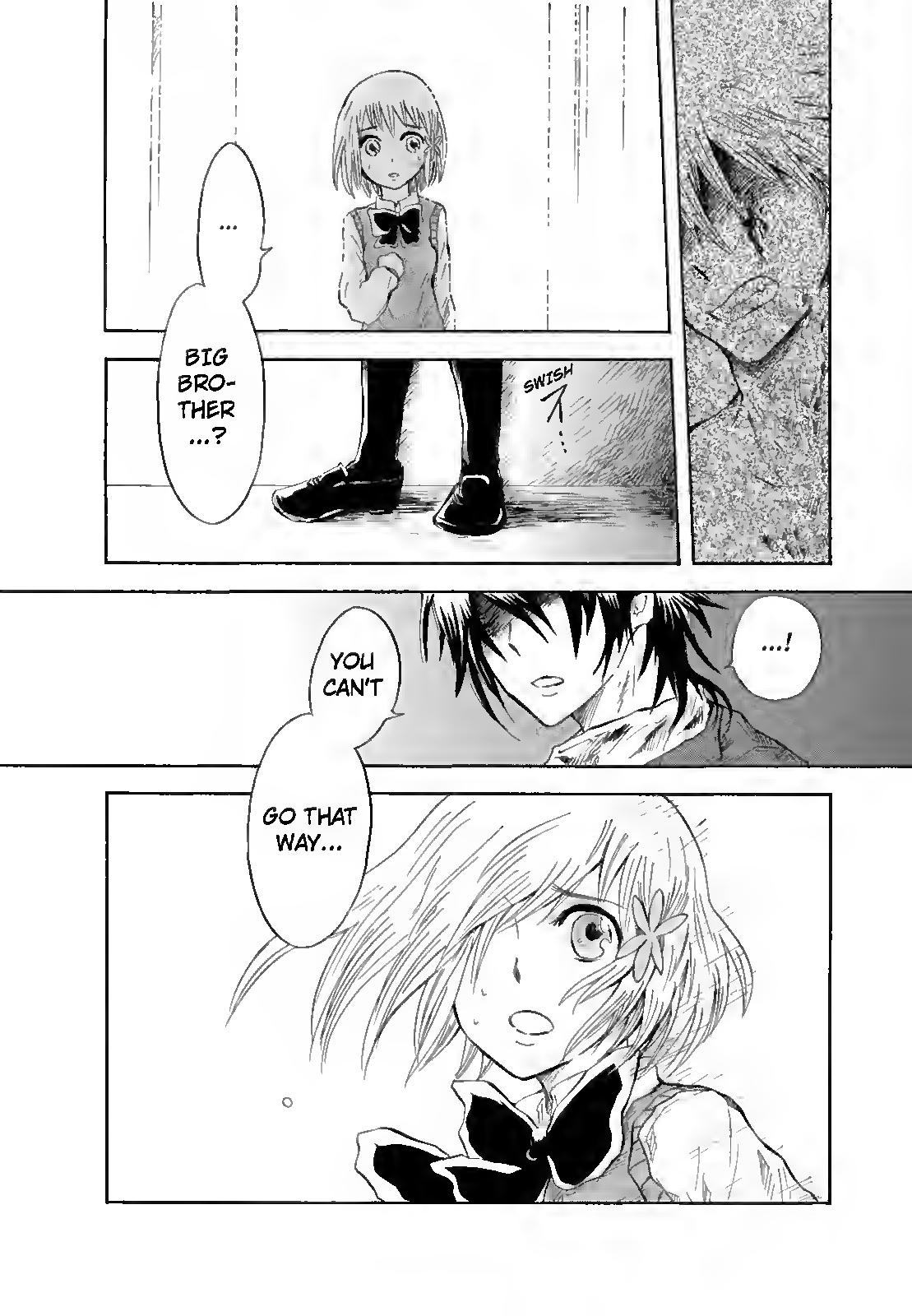
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP


... JUST WHO WAS THAT MAN...?
I DIDN'T EVEN GET HIS NAME...

EVERY-ONE IS DOWN...
COULD HE HAVE...?
I WONDER IF MY BROTHER HAS ESCAPED YET...

BLUSH
THE PLACE WHERE HE TOUCHED ME IS STILL WARM...
GASP
I... I CAN'T!
I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE!
SHAKE
SHAKE
MY BROTHER IS WAITING.
WOOSH
!
LIGHT...
TAP
TAP
I'M SO GLAD!
THE EXIT...

THUMP
TWITCH
...?
WHA...
I FEEL LIKE I JUST HEARD SOME-THING...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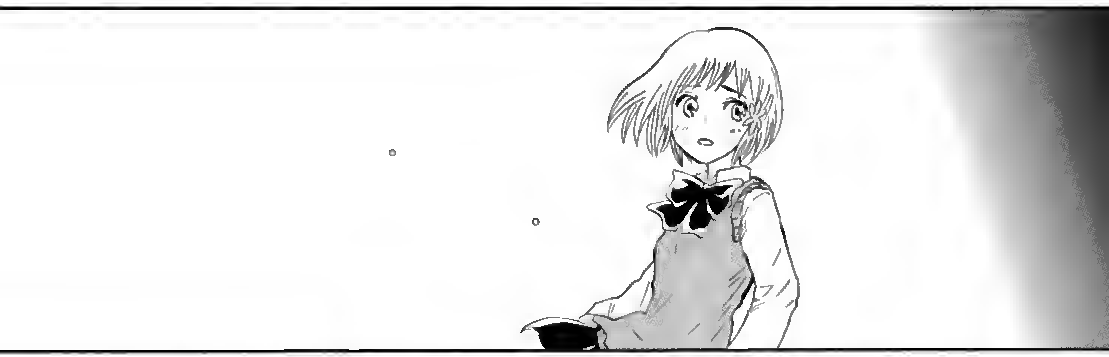
BIG BRO-THER ...?
SWISH
...!
YOU CAN'T GO THAT WAY...

NO MATTER WHAT YOU SEE OR HEAR



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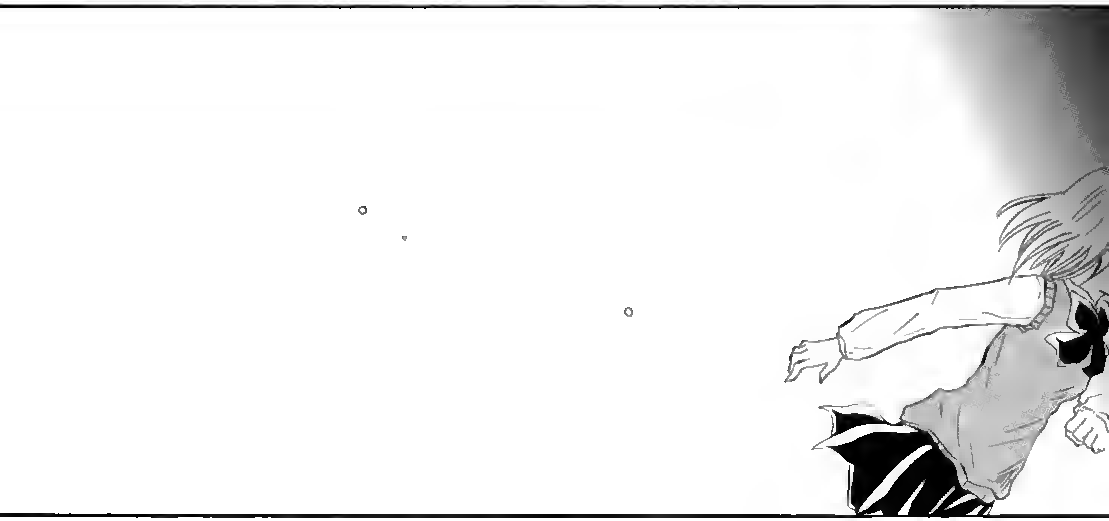
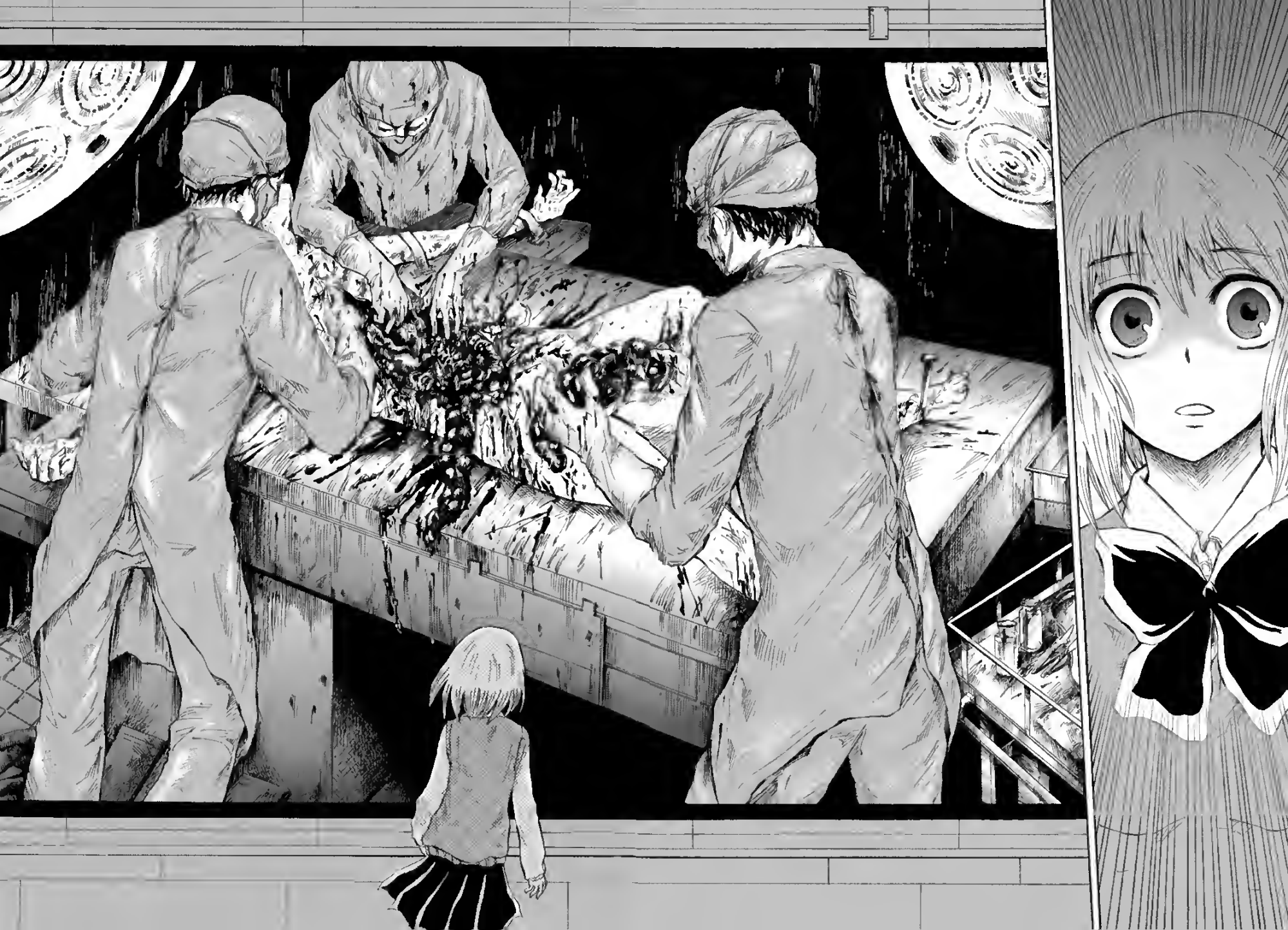


DO NOT GO INTO THE DARK-NESS
DASH

EEK
DRIP
HAH ...
EEK
HAH ...
... WHERE IS MY BROTHER ...?
I COULD HAVE SWORN IT WAS THIS WAY...
HAH ...
...

SWISH
BIG BRO-THER?
WHERE ARE YOU, BIG BRO-THER...?
UH UH ...
UGH...
FWIP
ARE YOU IN HERE!?
BIG BRO-THER!?
!
BIG BRO-THER!
UWAH
AH



NO MATTER WHAT YOU SEE OR HEAR...
CRUNCH
BIG ...
BRO...
AAAAH
AAAAH!!
DO NOT GO INTO THE DARKNESS...

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